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Arab to be central committee member

Meshel streamlining Histadrut

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Post Labour Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "new" face of the Histadrut, which will emerge after the meeting of the labour federations' conference in September, will include at least one Arab member on the supreme central committee. This will be the first time that a member of the minorities will be represented on this top-level body, The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

Yerubam Meshel, the secretary-general, who in all probability will be elected for another four years by the 1,501 members of the conference, is currently drawing up blueprints to streamline the organization.

These include a drastic reduction in the number of active members of the central committee. There will be only 10 "portfolios." The remaining 10 to 15 members will be drawn from the ranks of large trade unions and labour councils. They will have full voting rights but no permanent committee assignment other than specific tasks occasionally assigned.

There will be an increased accent on the activities of the trade union department. According to unpublished reports yesterday, this

Alignment 56.6% in near-total count

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Unofficial totals yesterday based on 92 per cent of the vote gave the Alignment a 56.6 per cent majority in Tuesday's poll for the Histadrut national convention. The other totals were: Likud, 28.8 per cent; Democratic Movement for Change, 8.2; Rakah, 3; Religious Workers, 1.8; Independent Liberals, Citizens Rights, 1.3; Shelli, 1; Andut, 0.5; Yemenuk, 0.4; Yemenuk, 0.2; and Panthers, 0.2. Shelli was on the borderline of the minimum needed for representation, and the Hata after it will not be represented.

department will go to lawyer and London School of Economics graduate Gideon Ben Israel, replacing Uriel Abrahamowitz.

All appointments formally rest with the nomination committee of the conference and are not due before the convention in September. It is understood, however, that Meshel has lost little time working on the promised reform of the

Histadrut and in preparing his recommendations for party approval.

The central committee will detach itself from topical professional issues and devote itself increasingly to problems of a more general nature, including the national economy, it was learned.

It was stressed that Meshel has no intention of using the trade unions as a tool against the government and that he would "treat it with all the respect due to this democratically-elected body." Meshel said, "I am not heading for any confrontation," adding that "We will judge it by its deeds and not by its declarations."

Nomination procedures will follow the pattern set forth in the federations' election laws. The 1,501 "mandate" conference will convene here early in September to confirm the 650 members of the Histadrut council. This body, unlike the conference, will remain active throughout the next four years. It will nominate according to prepared party lists and the number of seats due from the final election results, the 167-member executive committee, the 20-22 member central committee and, finally, the secretary-general himself.

Barak returns Eban file as 'full of holes'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Attorney-General Aharon Barak has returned the Abba Eban file to the Treasury, contending that the material presented to him is "full of holes and incomplete." Israel Television reported last night.

Eban is alleged to have illegally held foreign currency abroad. The Attorney-General is examining evidence supplied by the Treasury to determine whether or not there are grounds for prosecution.

Treasury sources said last night that Barak was especially interested in further clarification of certain officials' testimony that Eban had received a permit to hold a bank account abroad.

Former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz had recommended that the file be closed because if there were any irregularities in Eban's conduct he was sure they were committed unknowingly.

Lebanese rightists hurt in ambush

DOVEV. — Three soldiers from the south Lebanese rightist forces were seriously wounded yesterday in a terrorist ambush on the road to the "Good Fence" post here.

The terrorists reportedly opened fire at close range at a rightist jeep near the village of Hanin on the road to Dovev, seriously wounding two men. The terrorists later fired an RPG rocket at another vehicle, wounding another man. The three wounded men were rushed by helicopter to government hospitals after preliminary treatment at the Dovev clinic.

In the rightist enclave north of Metulla heavy artillery duels between the Christian dominated forces and the terrorists continued for the fourth consecutive day.

Reports from Palestinian sources in Beirut claimed that Israeli artillery joined with rightist forces yesterday in a heavy shelling of the terrorist centres in Nabatiya, El Khayam and Tibnit.

PMs greet Begin

Greetings and wishes of success for new Prime Minister Menachem Begin have been received from British Prime Minister James Callaghan, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and Australian acting Premier J.D. Anthony, according to the Prime Minister's Bureau.

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Showdown seen looming El Al refuses Histadrut bid to reinstate mechanics

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

HEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al's board of directors yesterday — for the first time in its history — challenged the Histadrut by rejecting a request by the labour federation to reinstate 31 maintenance mechanics. The action increased the threat of a shut-down of operations.

The airline, which said that labour relations have worsened further through the maintenance men's failure to service the new cargo jumbo which arrived on Wednesday, had suspended the 31 maintenance men when they failed to begin their 4 p.m. shift last Friday. But it said it would agree to submit the dismissals to arbitration.

Meanwhile, it was not clear how El Al planes would take off today, or what would happen after 4 p.m. The airline's maintenance men have ordered from their committee not to work more than two Saturdays in a month, and they have already worked two in June.

The Histadrut's special El Al committee had yesterday called on the workers to return to normal work including weekends — immediately. But the committee added that El Al

must reinstate the suspended workers by this morning because under the terms of the labour contract the management cannot suspend workers for disciplinary reasons for more than a week without the express consent of the works committee.

But El Al refused to reinstate the men, replying that they had grossly violated the terms of their contract and should be dismissed.

El Al's labour troubles are compounded by additional claims made by the other staff committees — including the flight engineers, who want their contracts revised to conform with the changed working conditions required by introduction of the all-freight jumbo.

El Al's board of directors last weekend recommended that the company suspend operations until the mechanics return to work unconditionally. The recommended shut-down awaits confirmation on Sunday by the cabinet.

All the workers yesterday refused to attend an "introduction course" intended to familiarize them with the new jumbo freighter. The plane has now been mothballed for an extended grounding on the tarmac here at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars.

Katz: No dissension with American Jewry

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Likud emissary Shmuel Katz yesterday ended his month-long visit to the U.S. by insisting that he has not found any "fundamental dissension" in the American Jewish community with respect to the new Israel government.

Meeting with Israel reporters here, Katz also expressed satisfaction with his more than 50 meetings with members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. He said that he found "a considerable degree of understanding" on Capitol Hill, adding that many congressmen indicated they could "live with our policy."

But the Likud publicist, who was the personal representative of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, did not conceal his disappointment in the Middle East positions taken by the Carter Administration. He specifically criticized administration positions on the need for Israel to withdraw to the pre-1967 lines with only minor adjustments, and the need to establish a Palestinian "entity."

He argued that a Palestinian "entity" would "not last. It would be drawn into a bloodbath, worse than Lebanon." Katz maintained that such an entity would be unstable

because of the inter-Arab rivalries. "At the moment," he said, referring to the Carter Administration positions, "they are cause for considerable concern."

The Likud spokesman challenged remarks made last week by White House counsel Robert Lipshutz, who said that any settlement should include "recognized borders with adequate security safeguards." Katz maintained that UN Security Council Resolution 242 specifically calls for "secure and recognized" boundaries and does not differentiate between the two concepts.

Regarding Israel's information campaign, Katz disclosed that he hoped to see Israel institute an information programme in the Arab world. But he declined to go into details.

As to himself, he said that he had not yet received any specific offer from the new government regarding a position. Originally there had been talk that Katz would head a new ministry of overseas information, but that plan now seems to have been abandoned.

Katz said he was returning to Israel to discuss some possibilities for organizing such an information campaign and to determine whether it should be part of the Prime Minister's Office, the Foreign Ministry or elsewhere.



Likud MK Arye Dulkis introduces Prime Minister Menachem Begin to his 85-year-old father, at the Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. The elder Dulkis immigrated from Mexico last year. (Symphot)

Begin says Israel view on areas to prevail

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin stated last night that Israel has "a good chance" to win in its struggle against the establishment of a Palestinian state in Eretz Yisrael and the return to 1967 borders.

In his first major address since becoming premier, Begin said that both eventualities would endanger the very existence of the State of Israel. "We will struggle for our life," he added, winning applause from most of the crowd that filled Binyanei Ha'Ooma for the Zionist General Council session. Begin noted that more than 110 members of the new Knesset support the two principles, which do not, he said, contravene the principles of UN Resolution 242.

"There is an essential difference between Israel's freedom fighters — whether in the pre-State underground in which he took part or today's IDF — and the 'murderers' who use terror against Israel," Begin stated.

"We did all we could to prevent losses to the civilian population, whether Jewish, Arab or British," said the former Eretz commander. "and we often endangered our lives to do it." If there were some civilian casualties, he said, "we always expressed our sorrow."

But the terrorists plan in advance to murder children and rejoice when they succeed, he said. The blood-letting would only increase if a Palestinian state were introduced into Judea and Samaria.

The prime minister urged the delegates from abroad to present Israel's "just cause" before the public at home, and he expressed his satisfaction that the initially hostile reaction to the Likud government by the Western press has largely subsided.

Noting that 20,000 immigrants came last year and 35,000 Israelis emigrated, Begin called on the delegates to work for more allies and on Israeli emigrants to return and build the country.

His government will cut red tape and smooth the path for foreign investors in Israel, Begin promised. "I hope to convene a world economic conference here by the end of the year to encourage investments," he said.

Begin challenged the delegates to learn and to speak Hebrew, and to inculcate it in their children — along with love for the Land of Israel — "so that they will be prepared to come home." Hebrew, he said, must be the second language of young Jews around the world.

He had warm words of praise for his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, for providing a smooth transfer of power to the new government. "Israel's democracy passed the test with honour and won the respect of all the nations," he said. The easy changeover will form a precedent for all future switches in party leadership in Israel, and he added with a smile, "even from the Likud to another party."

Begin's hour-long address was received generally with warmth and attention from most foreign delegates present and curiosity from the Labour opposition. But a few Labour Zionists read newspapers during the address and did not give a standing ovation at the end with the rest of the crowd.

The ZGC meetings will close today with reports from committees and the adoption of resolutions.

Co-production controversy looms as senators meet Carter today

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Republican Senators Jacob Javits and Richard Case, strong Israel supporters who have voiced concern over President Jimmy Carter's recent remarks on the Middle East, are expected to discuss with Carter today several still military co-production projects between the U.S. and Israel. A crucial electronics deal may figure prominently in the talks.

The two senators may raise several Israel arms requests which are still awaiting a final decision by the Administration. According to some sources here, they may specifically refer the President to the U.S. Defence Department's recent decision to turn down a proposal for the co-production of an elaborate military electronics system by the American Sylvania Corp. and Israel's Tadiran electronics firm.

Case raised this issue with the President last month, and Carter promised to take a close look at the issue. But since then there has been no reversal of the Pentagon's decision, which is seen as a disappointing setback to Israel.

In blocking the Israel proposal, the Pentagon is now leaning towards a similar agreement with Britain — something that is adding "insult to injury" to Israel.

"The New York Times" yesterday published extensive details of the issue, which was first reported in the Israel press last month.

Tadiran is partially owned by General Telephone and Electronics, an American conglomerate. The same U.S. company owns Sylvania.

which hoped to co-produce with Tadiran.

"The New York Times" yesterday quoted unidentified members of Congress as saying co-production with Tadiran had been blocked not for security reasons but because the U.S. was pressing Israel to withdraw to the pre-Six-Day War borders.

Presidential press secretary Jody Powell denied that suggestion, maintaining security was the sole reason.

The "Times" said that Sylvania officials were called to the Pentagon at the end of March and informed by the Defence Department's research arm — the Directorate of Defence Research and Engineering — that the bid on the communications system was "out of the question" because of Israel's proposed participation.

Yesterday Pentagon officials

sought to justify the decision claiming it was U.S. policy to standardize weapons of the Nato countries.

In Tel Aviv, Tadiran Director Elkinas Caspi said that having co-production was taking unfair advantage of Israel technology. The communications system had cost his firm "a fortune to develop," he said, and Tadiran would try to find another U.S. firm to complete the project.

If not, he added, Tadiran would complete the development on its own and market the new set in Europe.

Other items currently being held up by the U.S., the "Times" report said, include Israel's request to co-produce more components of the F-15 fighter, co-production of the F-16, funds for the development of the Merkava tank, and joint hydrofoil production.

Shamir wants minister for Knesset liaison

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir has asked Premier Menachem Begin to appoint a minister as a liaison between the Cabinet and the Knesset. Shamir said he expected the minister in question to attend the weekly meetings of the Knesset presidium and to assume responsibility on the Government's behalf for the two Knesset days which are devoted each week to government business.

During the period when the late Yosef Sprinzak was the first Speaker, former Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen used to attend the weekly meetings regularly. "Those were the days before the Government 'devalued' the Knesset," a veteran parliamentary observer told The Post.

Over the years, governments and prime ministers took this ministerial liaison function less seriously. Although the past Labour-led Coalition appointed former Justice Minister Haim Zadok and former Labour Minister Moshe Baran in turn as ministers for liaison with the Knesset, they did not regularly attend the weekly presidium meetings

on Monday. Instead, they sent along former Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner.

Shamir has spent the last two days interviewing the senior Knesset staffers in tele-a-tete sessions to learn of the administration problems of the House. His down-to-earth approach, and his desire to have his interlocutors stick to the point, has reportedly impressed officials favourably. They were said to be likewise impressed by his willingness to rub shoulders with all and sundry in the staff canteen in the two days that the Members' dining room was closed.

The factions have not yet named their chairmen to the various committees, although they promised Shamir this would be done by Monday noon. Never in any previous Knesset, has this process dragged on so long amid so much squabbling within each faction.

In the Likud, the Herut wing is expected to succeed in its demands for the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and the post is expected to go to Prof. Moshe Arens. The Liberal wing of the Likud is expected to get the chair-

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Begin, Yadin renew talks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

The Likud yesterday renewed its efforts to bring the Democratic Movement for Change into the coalition, but as of last night had apparently not scored a breakthrough.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and DMC leader Yigael Yadin held a 45-minute meeting at Begin's office in Jerusalem. No details were disclosed, but a DMC announcement said that "in the next few days it will be decided whether to convene the party secretariat and Knesset faction to decide whether there are new conditions enabling a renewal of the negotiations."

The Prime Minister's spokesman, Dan Patir, said only that Begin and Yadin had met at the Prime Minister's "initiative and invitation" to discuss the possibility of renewing coalition negotiations.

Yadin added that he and Begin had undertaken "not to add a single word to the official announcement." He added: "Since only the two of us were there, there will be no leak."

The Likud would like to enlarge its base of support in the Knesset, which now rests on 63 of the 120 Members. The DMC, however, does not have a strong bargaining hand. The Likud formed a cabinet without it, and the Labour Alignment, having won an absolute majority in the Histadrut convention, does not need it.

Meanwhile, Begin is holding the Social Betterment, Justice, and Transport and Communications portfolios pending a DMC decision in whether to join the government. In presenting his new government on Monday, the Prime Minister told the House he could wait "another four to five weeks" for them to decide.

Foreign Ministry denies Dayan going to U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Foreign Ministry source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he did not have information concerning a visit by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to Washington in mid-August.

"The report is speculative and makes no sense," the source said. The source said that U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, is slated to come to Israel about that time, and it is more than likely that Dayan will not visit the U.S. in the foreseeable future.

Israel Ambassador, Simcha Diniz is expected to arrive in Israel from the U.S. next week for consultations. On the agenda will be two primary subjects — preparing for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington, scheduled for July 19, and a "clarification meeting" between the Ambassador and Dayan.

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, arrived here yesterday to receive an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University. It was stressed that his visit is a private one, which was planned before Dayan took office. It was not known last night whether Herzog will meet with Dayan during his visit.



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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Canon Peter Schneider, secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Israel Lawn Tennis Association gave a reception in Tel Aviv yesterday evening for Shaul Lipchitz, the association's honorary president and former president.

Mordechai Makleff, head of the Israel Chemicals Corporation, will speak on "Minerals and the Chemical Industry" at the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9.30 tonight at Huh Shit Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Ben Hagai, settler from U.S.A. (Communicated)

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at nine o'clock tonight at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. Hyman Rautenberg and Isaac Ben-Ya'acov, political adviser to the municipality of Jerusalem. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of Zimrot. A Melave Malka will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.30 p.m. with Ya'acov Harmor of the Foreign Ministry as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions. (Communicated)

Dr. Ya'acov Fogelman will talk on "Psychology and Tora - Patients and Patience" at the Migdal Hashoshanim congregation at Rehov Pisker 22, Jerusalem, at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Milton S. Jacobson, Mrs. Louis J. Schreier, honorary national presidents of American Mizrahi Women and Mrs. Jess Ward, national vice-president, from the U.S.; Alexander Grana, UJA associate vice-chairman; Melvin Dubinsky, chairman and Irving Kessler, executive vice-chairman, of the United Israel Appeal, and Maurice Boukstein, of the UJA and the Jewish Agency, all for Jewish Agency meetings.

Michael Aron, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization.

Reform rabbis endorse move to join WZO

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NEW YORK — A conference of Reform rabbis have overwhelmingly endorsed a move to affiliate with the World Zionist Organization.

In a linked move, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) plan to ordain Israelis as part of an effort to develop an indigenous Reform constituency in Israel.

Reform officials moved swiftly to recruit individual members for "ARZA," the newly-established Association of Reform Zionists in America, and to complete formalities in time to have a voice at the next Zionist Congress in February. A "yea" endorsement for ARZA issued resoundingly from the throats of several hundred rabbis close to midnight on Tuesday in the high point of a conference, at Grossinger's resort in upstate New York.

The vote marked an historic shift in the position of the Reform movement, which up to 1948 was, at best, neutral on Zionism.

Carter told Goren 'U.S. will never impose solution'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Jimmy Carter and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren seem to have made powerful impressions on each other when they met in the White House for the first time last week to discuss peace, religion and politics.

At that "near-historic" meeting, the chief rabbi told *The Jerusalem Post* in an exclusive interview yesterday he won assurances from Carter on his commitment to Israel's security and his understanding that a Palestinian "homeland" should not be established in Judea and Samaria but only within the framework of Jordan.

The president impressed the chief rabbi as a man of deep principles and religious belief. "Now I understand why Americans voted for him," Rabbi Goren said. "He radiates faith, love and friendship. If you sit near him, you have to love him. Maybe I am naive, but he was very convincing. He took both of my hands when we met."

When former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, an old friend of the chief rabbi, and Premier

Menachem Begin heard that Rabbi Goren was planning to visit Canada at his own expense to attend the wedding of his niece, they both urged him to visit Carter. The meeting in the White House was arranged by Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, who was present during the conversation along with Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Rabbi Goren reported to Begin yesterday morning on his meeting with Carter, but he would not disclose to *The Post* what, if anything, he had advised the premier to prepare for his own meeting with Carter next month.

After presenting the president with a leather-bound Bible stamped with Ashkenazi, the chief rabbi conveyed the "worry among the Jewish communities in America and Europe" over Carter's recent declarations about withdrawal to the 1967 borders and a "homeland" for the Palestinians. "I stated that to give up Judea and Samaria would be a disaster for Israel, and quoted biblical passages that support our spiritual right to the land," Rabbi Goren recalled.



Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said that U.S. President Jimmy Carter 'radiates faith, love and friendship' after their 'near-historic' meeting in the White House.

"You believe in the biblical vision of the Prophets," the chief rabbi told Carter. "We have made the first great step to the Messianic era."

Carter, without any discomfiture, according to Rabbi Goren, stated that he "had never mentioned or intended that a separate Palestinian state be set up in the Holy Land."

The U.S. has never insisted and never intends to insist that Israel return to the 1967 borders, said Carter. "We won't fix the borders; it is up to the parties. But the U.S. must bring the parties together," he told the chief rabbi. "The U.S. will never impose a solution on Israel."

"The president was speaking not to me but to the entire Jewish People," Rabbi Goren recalled. "His assurances to me were not my doing. I arrived at the height of expressions of worry about Administration policy from the Jewish community."

But Rabbi Goren does not believe that Carter made the statements merely to rescue himself from adverse public opinion.

"I believe he was genuine and spoke out of faith and sincerity," the chief rabbi asserted.

Carter said he was not responsible

for various statements he was alleged by the press to have made during recent visits of Arab leaders to Washington. "I do not speak out of both sides of my mouth," Carter was quoted as saying.

While abroad, Rabbi Goren also addressed a convention of Orthodox rabbis and exhorted them to come on aliyah. "Many of them came up to me and volunteered that they would come if they could be assured of work here," he said. The chief rabbi told his colleagues that with the new government in power, the country would have a new vision and way of life that would be conducive to their aliyah.

But Rabbi Goren dismissed worries among secular Israelis that a *kibbutz* camp between them and their traditional brothers would erupt over religious issues. He recalled that former Education Minister Aharon Yadin had met with him several times and agreed that more Judaism was needed in the schools. "But it was not his first priority," an NRP minister heading the educational network would bring Judaism to pupils without forcing them, Goren maintained.

Flatto loses round in bail appeal

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday upheld an earlier lower court ruling that Samuel Flatto Shalom's status as a Knesset Member does not automatically free him from the bail conditions imposed on him pending disposition by the Israeli authorities of the French request for his extradition.

Flatto was arrested last December at the request of the French government and was released the following day on 11,000 ba'at. Immediately after the May 17 elections, Flatto asked the Jerusalem Magistrates Court to release him from the bail conditions, on the grounds of parliamentary immunity.

The lower court then ruled that a release-on-bail order does not fall into the category of criminal proceedings to which an MK is immune. Judge D. Bein held yesterday that if the legislature had intended the Immunity Law to apply also to a person elected to the Knesset while he is under a bail order, it would have said so explicitly.

Judge Bein also rejected Flatto's contention that bail conditions mean that the person involved is in effect under arrest, and that just as he would have been released from jail on being elected, so should he be released from the bail conditions.

On the other hand, on Wednesday the Jerusalem Magistrates Court rejected a request by the state attorney to extend Flatto's bail conditions, the previous release on bail having expired 180 days after it was granted on December 12. (Itim)

Paulina Peled bows in second Wimbledon round

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies
WIMBLEDON, England. — Paulina Peled, Israel's women's tennis champion, narrowly failed to reach the last 32 of the women's singles in the 100th Wimbledon tennis tournament yesterday when she lost a second-round match to her American opponent, Rayni Fox, 4-6, 6-4.

The match began on Wednesday evening, was halted at set-all by darkness and was resumed yesterday afternoon.

Israel's sole representative in the 1977 competition won the opening game in the final set, after two deuces and despite a double fault, but Miss Fox held her service more easily. Mrs. Peled had repeated trouble with her service. However, when trailing 5-2, she broke the American's service with some tireless retrieving and precise court drives, and backed by her powerful service, she brought the score to 4-5.

The 10th game was a war of nerves. But Miss Fox exploited two narrow forehand shots from Mrs. Peled to win the game and enter the final 32.

Billy Martin, 30-year-old American, shocked the No. 3 seed, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in the third round. Vilas was the fifth of the 16 male seeds to be knocked out.

Sue Barker, the port blonde from Britain and the No. 4 seed, moved into the third round by beating Ann Kiyomura of the U.S. in just over half an hour 6-2, 6-1.

SHELL's supporters were yesterday granted a police permit to hold a demonstration at 6 p.m. today outside the Haifa port main gate against the visit of the Chilean naval training vessel Esmeralda. The Esmeralda, whose official visit was reduced to an ordinary call after leftist protests, leaves Haifa on Monday.

ISRAEL RADIO's First Programme starts a new beginning in open Arabic. "Shidat Al-Arab" ("I want to learn Arabic") on July 3. The programme, presented by Avraham Lavie, will be given Sunday through Thursday at 8.50 p.m.

Police: Escaped suspect threw grenade at officer

TIBERIAS. — A suspected burglar who escaped from a police lock-up in Ashdod yesterday, allegedly opened fire and threw hand grenades here at a policeman who spotted and chased his get-away car. The policeman, sergeant-major Ya'acov Abramowitz, was not hurt.

The suspect, Mahiut Ben-Yishai, got away, and a large force of police and border policemen aided by a helicopter were still looking for him late last night. Army posts in the Galilee have also been alerted to look out for Ben-Yishai, known as "Yeshu" in the underworld.

Abramowitz, a police intelligence man, was off duty and driving in his private car with his wife Ahuva on the main street of Tiberias when four men in another car aroused his suspicion.

The sergeant approached the car and flashed his police shield. He said the driver immediately reached for the glove compartment, apparently to draw a gun. Abramowitz opened fire with his own small revolver, aiming for the tyres. He missed, and after two of the men jumped out and ran off, Ben-Yishai and a boy drove off at high speed.

Abramowitz dashed back to his own car, and together with his wife chased Ben-Yishai's car. At the exit from town the sergeant again tried to shoot at the tyres, but missed.

Police say that during the 140 kilometre per hour chase Ben-Yishai threw a hand grenade which exploded, but did not hit Abramowitz's car. He allegedly threw two more grenades which did not explode. At this stage Ahuva Abramowitz became hysterical and her husband had to abandon the chase, police said.

Abramowitz, however, alerted headquarters and police put up roadblocks throughout the area. Ben-Yishai was soon spotted near a roadblock at Rosh Pina, but turned round and got away at high speed. He has not been spotted since then.

The sergeant said the car had been carrying what appeared to be stolen electronic equipment, and he had seen two rifles, a revolver and seven hand grenades — three of which were subsequently thrown at him.

Oil tank explodes

ASHKELON (Itim). — No one was hurt but considerable material damage was caused by a blaze following the explosion of an oil tank in Ashkelon's oil port yesterday afternoon.

Within two hours the fire brigade brought the blaze under control with special equipment it had only recently acquired. About 300 tons of oil, believed to be unrefined, spilled following the explosion.

The port and the police authorities both have set up enquiry commissions to ascertain the cause of the mishap and the extent of the damage.

Liaison minister

(Continued from page one)
manship of the House Committee for Yitzhak Berman — a parliamentary novice. As for the Immigration, Absorption and Jewish People's Affairs Committee, the Herut wing is unsure whether this should go to its own Moshe Shamir or Goula Cohen, while the La'am wing is also vying for position.

Sitting pretty is Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda). The Likud, which was entitled to the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, gave it to Lorincz — one of a series of parliamentary rewards which the Likud promised the four-man Aguda faction in return for making Menachem Begin's slim majority possible.

Joseph Briliant in Tel Aviv adds: The first strains among the coalition partners appeared yesterday. The issue: the appointment of deputy ministers.

The agenda for Sunday's meeting includes the proposed appointment of MK Yehzekel Flumin as Deputy Minister of Finance. If approved, it comes before the Knesset on Monday.

A senior source in the National Religious Party said yesterday that it will support the move. The source argued that it is a breach of the agreement to postpone all such appointments until the coalition partners discuss the matter. So far there have been no such meetings, he complained.

Another expected appointment, though not on the Cabinet agenda yet, is that of MK Mordechai Zippori as Deputy Minister for Defence. Zippori, a reserve tank pilot, is already working in the Ministry.

Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer is meanwhile negotiating with MK Avraham Katz as Deputy Minister of Education.

Flumin and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich are members of the Liberal Party. Zippori, like Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, is a Herut member. But Katz is a Liberal, while Hammer belongs to the National Religious Party.

Woman jailed for perjury

A Jerusalem woman was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment for perjury after she said she gave false testimony under pressure from an accused burglar and his attorney.

Ziva Mirzahi 19, worked as a maid in a Jerusalem home that was burglarized in September last year. After the burglary she told police that a young man named Michal Aslan had asked her about the flat she worked in and told her he intended to break into it next day.

Aslan was subsequently arrested and charged, with Ziva Mirzahi planned as a prosecution star witness. In court she retracted her statement to the police and said the police had forced her to sign an untrue statement of charges.

After Aslan's acquittal last month she was arrested and ordered held until her trial for perjury. In court she confessed to the perjury and said Aslan had threatened her with dire consequences if she did not lie in court. She claimed that Aslan's attorney, "did not remember" the incident, she would be let off after a few hours in a lock-up and a 11,500 fine.

State Attorney Gavriel Bach said yesterday the state prosecution would look into Ziva Mirzahi's statements about the Jerusalem attorney's alleged behaviour, and would charge him if it transpired he had a part in suborning a witness. (Itim)



Yael Dayan, daughter of the Foreign Minister, congratulates her uncle, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, at party Wednesday night. Weizman's wife is the sister of Mrs. Dayan's mother.

Questions over Weizman remarks

Jerusalem Post Reporter
There was some consternation in political circles in Jerusalem yesterday about a number of statements on foreign policy attributed to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

Weizman is reported to have held a delegation of Arab notables at a garden party held in his honour at the Defence Ministry on Wednesday night that he would be happy to meet with the assembled mayors and sheikhs that "I'll tell him (Arafat) what I think of him, and he will tell me what he thinks of me. If he shoots me, I'll shoot him back."

But a statement made by Weizman to the largest Danish daily, the "Politiken," is taken more seriously. In it, the Defence Minister was quoted as saying he invites the Arabs to start a war, "because this would perhaps help solve the Mid-East problem." He went on to say, according to the report, that there are two

possibilities: "Either the two peoples learn to live together, or else one of them will be kicked out."

The garden party held in Weizman's honour was attended by several dozen Arab notables from a number of towns in Judea and Samaria, the Golan, Gaza and Sinai. In his address to the 2,500 invited guests (former defence minister Shimon Peres was unable to attend due to illness), Weizman welcomed the notables, and said: "I am glad that we are spending an evening together, since we will be together for many years to come."

Observers yesterday expressed some surprise that so many of the Arab notables from the administered territories invited to the party actually came. There had been considerable pressure on them, both in the Arabic press and personally by political leaders in the areas, not to attend, observers said.

A SPECIAL postal branch opened yesterday in the Petah Tikva town hall to sell the new stamp commemorating the town's 100th anniversary.

and guesthouse business has suffered since kickbacks have become illegal, Mrs. Dayan said.

TEL AVIV. — The law should allow merchants to give tour guides and others licensed to serve tourists a 5 per cent commission on tourists' purchases, Ruth Dayan, president of Maskit, proposed at a meeting of merchants here yesterday.

A law which went into effect last January forbids merchants to give, and tour guides to receive, kickbacks. Large business establishments, complying with the law, have reportedly lost customers because tour guides prefer to take their clients to stores which give under-the-table "commissions" of between 10 and 25 per cent, Mrs. Dayan said.

Yitzhak Yardeni of United-Dan tours said his company, as a cooperative, forbids guides and drivers to take kickbacks and that he therefore could not support the proposed change. He admitted that he knows every guide and driver who can get kickbacks, will take them. Efforts to enforce the law break down because merchants, restaurateurs and others who depend on the guides for business refuse to testify at disciplinary hearings.

It was decided to set up a committee to make final recommendations and to bring them before representatives of the guides, the tourism department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, travel agents and other interested groups.

The three-member committee includes Ruth Dayan, Ze'ev Schneidman of Schneidman Fashions, and David Eshkol of Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar. That kibbutz's luncheon

HAIFA'S ILANOT School parents committee will hold a bazaar tomorrow night at the Rehov Sheh (Western Carmel) school building to help raise 11,500 to start construction on a gymnasium.

Athletics championships open tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — Some 280 athletes, including over 100 women, will be participating in the national track and field championships at the Wingate Institute in Netanya tomorrow evening and Sunday.

Immediately after the championships, selectors will announce the Israel team for the 10th Mac-

cabiah games, to be held next month.

The winners in each event will automatically gain their places in the Maccabiah contingent, and other good performances will also win places. Uri Goldbourt, chairman of the athletics section of the Sports Federation, said this week.

announces the dedication of the AACI Memorial Forest, which commemorates the men and women from the United States and Canada who gave their lives while serving in the defence of our people and our land. A special plaque in memory of these one hundred heroes will be unveiled at this occasion, in the presence of Aluf Rav Piron, former Chief Army Chaplain.

The dedication will take place on Monday, July 4, 1977 at 4.30 p.m. at the Jewish National Fund Forest on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. We'll meet at the PAZ gas station at Naar, Haifa, promptly at 3.30 p.m.

On the first anniversary of the death of

Dr. MORRIS SHOHETMAN-SAGE

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we will visit his grave on the Mt. of Olives on Thursday, June 30, 1977, at 3.00 p.m.

The meeting place will be near the Intercontinental Hotel. Transportation for participants will leave the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael Building, Jerusalem at 2.40 p.m.

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Vietnamese refugees may arrive Monday

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 68 Vietnamese refugees rescued by the Israeli freighter Yuval 14 days ago are expected to arrive in Israel by air on Monday.

Yehuda Ofer, general manager of the Ofer Bros. Shipping Company, told The Jerusalem Post that Taiwan had agreed to let the refugees come ashore at Keelung after previously refusing to let them leave the ship. He said the Taiwanese probably were reacting to world press criticism. Ofer said, however, that the Taiwanese authorities had made several conditions, which he accepted.

The first condition was that Ofer would guarantee to cover all of the refugees' expenses during their stay in Taiwan. The second was that Ofer would undertake to fly the refugees off the island at the earliest opportunity. Thirdly, the Yuval agreed not to sail before the refugees had actually left the island.

Ofer said his company had checked the airlines, and he thought it possible for the refugees to fly out of Taiwan to Hongkong by scheduled flight tomorrow. From Hongkong they will continue to Taiwan, where he hoped they would be able to catch the EL Al flight to Ben-Gurion Airport on Monday, he said.

Ofer said he would be happy to cover their costs in Taiwan, which would be only a fraction of the expenses already incurred by the company, which included several days' delay of the ship while a haven was sought for them. The ship is unloading a cargo of phosphates in Keelung.

Ofer said he was pleased that the refugees would not have to make the four- to five-day trip to the Yuval's next port of call, Yokohama. He had feared for their safety in the rough sea as the ship was not equipped to carry so many extra passengers under difficult sea conditions.

Ofer said the air tickets to the way to Israel would cost \$60,000, but he expected another source to pay for them, possibly Abie Nathan, the Peace ship master, who has started a fund for this purpose.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman told The Post "there will be no delay in bringing the refugees to Israel, for financial or bureaucratic reasons."

A special team is already dealing with the logistics of their long journey to Israel and the ministry is contacting the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, the European Council for Migration,



Former Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen drinks a toast as his successor, David Levi, looks on at change-over ceremonies in Jerusalem yesterday.

Levi insists on state handling aliya

By JUDY MEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Absorption Minister David Levi asserted yesterday that aliya and immigrant absorption must be the state's responsibility. His position thus places him in direct confrontation with his Likud colleague, Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulin, who has insisted that an aliya and absorption authority must be controlled by the Agency.

The 40-year-old new minister, who lost in his bid to become Histadrut secretary-general on Tuesday, appeared at ministry headquarters in Jerusalem to take up his duties from Shlomo Rosen.

"There will be a thorough discussion of the topic in the cabinet," Levi said, when pressed by reporters about the future of the ministry. Levi denied a claim by Dulin in yesterday's "Davar" that Prime Minister

Menachem Begin had told Levi his appointment would be temporary, until Dulin is elected Zionist Executive chairman in February.

Dulin has long supported the implementation of the Horev Report, which recommended that both the Absorption Ministry and Agency's aliya department be abolished and replaced by a "supreme authority" under the aegis of the Jewish Agency.

Levi said that he had not yet discussed the matter with Dulin and did not know his position.

The deep-voiced minister, a father of 10 who came on aliya from Morocco 20 years ago, said that absorption

Aliya activist Fain gets exit permit from Soviets

Jerusalem Post Reporter and agencies

TEL AVIV. — Another of Moscow's prominent Jewish activists, Prof. Benjamin Fain, has suddenly been granted an exit visa.

News that Fain is to be allowed to go to Israel reached here yesterday, but no other details were available. It might be that like Prof. Mark Azbel, who was permitted to leave last week, Fain benefited from the Soviets' desire to make minor concessions to free world opinion following the widespread accusations of Soviet human rights violations made by Western participants at the Belgrade conference.

Fain, a physicist, has been trying to win his visa for the past three years. He has become especially noted for his activity in behalf of Jewish culture in the USSR. Last December he helped to organize the Jewish cultural symposium in Moscow which attracted wide publicity in the West when Soviet authorities tried to prevent it being held.

Last month Fain reported that he was interrogated at length by Soviet police apparently probing the case of the detained dissident Anatoly Shcharansky.

Fain was detained twice in March by the KGB as he and other dissidents attempted to enter the American Embassy in Moscow. Police confiscated from them an appeal to the U.S. Congress on alleged violations



Andre Chouraqui

French Academy gold medal for Chouraqui

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The French Academy has awarded a gold medal to Prof. Andre Chouraqui, of Jerusalem, for his writings, including a 26-volume translation of the Bible into French.

Chouraqui, a former deputy-mayor of Jerusalem, was notified of the award by telephone by Academy members in Paris.

Algerian-born Chouraqui was recently in the news when he visited Morocco's King Hassan. In addition to his Bible translation, he has written 25 books which have been translated into nine languages. His Bible translation into modern French was hailed by Andre Malraux as "a grand adventure of the spirit."

Woman, 60, killed by hit-and-run driver

A 60-year-old woman was killed on Wednesday night by a hit-and-run driver in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter.

Miriam Mordechai was crossing the junction of Ben-Zakkai and Shai Agnon Streets when she was struck by the car. Police are investigating and ask witnesses to contact them.

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Arab officials to protest razing of illegal building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All Arab local council heads and mayors have been invited to meet tomorrow in the Galilee village of Iksal to protest the recent demolition of an illegally constructed building there.

This was announced at a press conference in Beit Sokolov here yesterday by a number of Arab mayors, including Nazareth's Tewfik Zayyad of Rakah.

Zayyad told the press that the meeting has been called to "demonstrate support for the national rights of the Arabs, demand full equality with the country's Jews and come out against Israel's oppressive regime."

Zayyad maintained that Arabs have no choice but to build without permits because of "the authorities' refusal to expand the villages' recognized residential areas, the red tape involved in building applications, and the expense of the construction fee."

Zayyad and the other mayors said they met with the Interior Ministry district representative, Israel Koenig, about the incident. As they have it, "he spoke provocatively, blamed council heads for encouraging illegal construction, and insisted that he will continue to enforce the law of the land and fight with all the means at his disposal to eradicate the practice of putting up edifices without permits."

Haifa phone men launch sanctions

HAIFA. — The 1,800 employees of the Post Office Engineering and Telephone Services in Haifa and the north started sanctions yesterday to protest delays in carrying out the clothing allowance agreement in their new labour contract.

They are refusing to deal with the public regarding telephone matters, following similar sanctions in other parts of the country.

A committee spokesman said their contract had granted them the same clothing allowance as that given employees at post office windows.

Army prisoners made building blocks

Prisoners in the army's military jail in Megiddo have begun making special building blocks for the army's use, the latest issue of the army weekly, "Emanah" says. The first block off the cement press was sent as a present to the chief military police officer.

Suspect kills self at TA police HQ

TEL AVIV (Him). — A 19-year-old Bat Yam (Him) suspect, killed himself with his own revolver Wednesday night, shortly after he and two other suspects had been picked up in a stolen car in Rehov Alishby.

Police yesterday said they could not understand the suicide, as the suspect had been cooperating with the interrogating sergeant, freely admitting seven burglaries.

The suspect had been driving a car with the other two suspects in the back seat when they were stopped for a routine inspection by a police patrol at the intersection of Allenby and Geula here. When the driver did not identify himself, the patrol stopped the car and searched it. It was found that the car had false plates and had been stolen in Azor two weeks earlier.

Police said yesterday that during questioning the suspect revealed that the car contained a Beretta revolver, a grenade, burglar tools, auto parts, and a stolen tape recorder and cassettes. While his statement was being taken, the revolver was lying in its holster on a table in the headquarters. He suddenly got up, grabbed the gun and shot himself in the head, police said. He rushed to Ichilov hospital but attempts to save his life failed.

The men on duty at the station were reported to have been stunned by the shooting, as the suspect had been cooperating with them and there seemed to have been no tension.

The other two suspects are still in custody. Police believe the three had been on their way to a burglary.

Man drowns off Haifa

HAIFA (Him). — The body of a young Shfarim man, Hani Kamal, who drowned on Tuesday while swimming just south of Haifa, washed ashore yesterday not far from the scene of the drowning. The 21-year-old Kamal had been swimming at a spot where bathing is banned.

Ma'ale Adumim is beginning to take shape

By ABRAHAM KAHNINOVITCH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

MA'ALE ADUMIM. — This site off the Jerusalem-Jericho road, long wrapped in political and planning ambiguity, has begun to take on the hard edges of a permanent industrial settlement.

Workshops and small plants began moving in four months ago to the first industrial buildings built on this desert plateau. Four enterprises with about 90 employees among them are already operating and 10 more have been approved. One of the latter, a military industries plant which will have 200 employees in the first stage, is expected to be operating within a year.

The residential quarter at Ma'ale Adumim, officially still a work camp, is a children-filled neighbourhood ringed by young trees. Foundations have been laid for its expansion by 50 per cent within the next few months.

Last week, the small generators which have been supplying electricity at the site for the past two years were displaced by power lines reaching down the hills from Jerusalem.

The development of this Judean site, some 15 kilometres by road from Jerusalem, has been a matter of controversy since the Alignment government approved it as an industrial area at the end of 1974. Planners have long viewed the site as a natural area for the development of heavy or polluting industries for Jerusalem. But the government was initially divided about the political wisdom of establishing a settlement astride the main road between Jordan and Jerusalem.

The Lands Authority, then headed by Meir Zorea, was a prime mover behind the settlement. Dovish ministers, opposed the idea.

In the wake of the Rabat Conference and Yasser Arafat's appearance before the Security Council, the Cabinet voted for the creation of an industrial estate at Ma'ale Adumim. Housing Minister Avraham Ofer and others opposed a residential settlement there while other ministers favoured one. As a compromise, it was decided to establish a "temporary work camp," ostensibly to serve the workers building the industrial area.

Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev limited industries to substantial firms employing at least 50 persons. He also insisted that they use Jewish labour. Bar-Lev's opponents accused him of setting up tough criteria in order to inhibit development of the site.

Feeling that the government was dragging its feet, a nucleus of nationalist settlers, mostly from Jerusalem, squatted on the site on March 2, 1976. Although some were members of Gush Emunim there was no direct organisational link to that group. The initial settlers planted trees and slept in makeshift wooden huts.

A smaller nucleus associated with the Histadrut also asked for permission to settle there. The Housing Ministry set up 88 small pre-fabricated units and members of both groups were permitted to move in.

Although most had families, the one-room units were designed for bachelor workers. Settlers with children, who were allocated two of the single-room pre-fab units, were forbidden to break through the walls separating the units so as to make a single apartment. They finally did so without permission.

Ofer said no school would be built as long as the camp was provisional.

Gradually, the government's attitude towards Ma'ale Adumim warmed. New and somewhat larger pre-fab units were built by the Housing Ministry.

Millions of pounds were spent on levelling a 700-dunam industrial area and developing an infrastructure, including roads and utility lines. The Jerusalem Economic Corporation, a government-municipality corporation, carried out the project on behalf of the Commerce and Industry Ministry. It also built three buildings, each 1,000 square metres, to house the first enterprises on a rental basis and is now building a fourth. A number of firms are about to start building their own plants.

The first enterprises include a branch of Oilhab, a compressor manufacturing firm from Herzliya, and an auto repair shop established by one of the settlers, Yitzhak Tsarfat.

The number of employees in each of these enterprises is smaller than the 50 initially demanded by Bar-Lev. In addition, almost all the employees in Tsarfat's repair shop at least are Arabs from East Jerusalem. The plants which have been approved for establishment range from metal works to a cheese plant.

Indicative of the change in the Rabin government's attitude towards Ma'ale Adumim is the announcement, at its last Cabinet meeting on Sunday, that it will recommend to the incoming Likud government that the site become a residential satellite of Jerusalem with 5,000 dwelling units. This was a far cry from the industrial estate and work camp it had approved with mixed feelings two and half years ago.

An informed source told The Jerusalem Post that the proposed site for a new satellite is a relatively level area four kilometres east of the present residential quarters which are confined to a small hilltop. Although closer to the Dead Sea, it is at the same altitude as the present site, about 300 metres above sea level.

Some of the present settlers are believed to favour the creation of several small communities with a separate regional centre instead of a single urban settlement.

The settlers drive their school-age children to Jerusalem every morning and do most of their shopping there. (A grocery was only recently opened in their settlement.) "All work in the city. Half the settlers are religious. 'We get along beautifully,' said one of the non-religious settlers this week. 'This mixture can be a precedent for other settlements like this.'

Although their community still has no official status other than a work camp, the settlers believe they were instrumental, if not decisive, in prodding the previous government into turning its post-Rabat declaration on the Ma'ale Adumim area into a reality. "Without us, nothing would have happened," one of them said. Others connected with the project believe things would have happened, anyway, but more slowly. It is generally expected that the Likud government will push the development of Ma'ale Adumim with vigour.

What prompted the settlers to uproot their families and seek to establish new lives in the desert with little encouragement from the authorities? "We all came to this in our own way," said one of the initial settlers, who preferred to remain anonymous. "I began thinking about it when I was in 'Africa' (the Israeli military bridgehead west of the Suez Canal) in the days after the Yom Kippur War.

"It was a time when public morale was at its lowest. I felt I had to do something. It was plain that Jerusalem was at the focus of everything and that the key to the defence of Jerusalem was the east, which was open and undefended. I felt that Ma'ale Adumim was close enough to Jerusalem that there would be a general consensus that it should be held."

He was confident that consensus had now manifested itself.

Egyptian matric exams flown in

By EVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A shipment of Egyptian matriculation examinations arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday afternoon on a TWA flight from Athens. The tests were accompanied by a Unesco official who brought them from Cairo for pupils in the Gaza Strip.

Gaza military authorities had wanted to bring the papers by way of the Sinai buffer zone this year, indicating that it would have been easier to take them directly across the border than to clear the sealed

cartons in which the tests are carried through Israeli customs. Unesco decided, however, to airlift the tests at considerable extra expense. Last year 2.5 tons of completed papers were flown back to Cairo for correcting.

Administration of the exams will begin on Sunday for about 7,000 Gaza Strip students who follow the Egyptian curriculum. Some prisoners in Gaza jails will also be taking the tests.

A majority of students have elected to be examined in the humanities.

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Outbreak of violence in South Africa Three killed in Soweto

SOWETO (Reuters). — A black youth and two children were killed yesterday in mounting violence involving thousands of African demonstrators in Soweto township on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

The youth was shot dead and a second badly wounded by police, and further police reinforcements were rushed to the scene in the afternoon.

The two children were killed in their home when an articulated lorry was ambushed with a hail of stones, ploughed off the road and smashed into two houses in the sprawling township.

"So far we've exercised restraint," a senior police officer told Reuters. "Now, if they want trouble they are going to get it."

Major-General David Kriel, in charge of riot control, announced later in Pretoria, the capital, that police fire killed one black and wounded another, but it was not immediately clear that he and Gerber were speaking of the same incident.

Brigadier Jan Visser, Soweto's white police chief, said the situation in the black city was "ugly and confused," but under control. Other sources, however, said that as soon as a group of students was scattered, they began re-forming.

The students were protesting the continued detention of student leaders arrested the weekend before the June 16 anniversary of the start of the Soweto uprising last year. The police pulled in about 20 black members of the militant Soweto students' Representative Council and five white students from Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University who had called for nationwide commemoration of more than 600 blacks killed in the riots.

An estimated 400 to 500 young blacks marched through central Johannesburg early yesterday, chanting slogans and giving black power salutes and peace signs.

The demonstrators gathered near City Hall and then started for John Vorster Square, named for the present Prime Minister, where the central police station is located.

Marching in separate groups and singing freedom songs, they carried placards reading, "Vorster release our leaders," "Thou shalt not kill students," and "Bantu education is education for slavery."

The police went into action with their batons just outside Vorster Square about 8:45 a.m. local time. In Geneva, the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (South Africa) appealed for UN funds for itself and other liberation movements.

P.A.C. delegate Douglas Mantsontsho made the appeal at the annual meeting of the governing council of the UN Development Programme.

In the past year, he said, "thousands of youths" have fled South Africa to join liberation movements because of "the brutal, Gestapo-like daily massacres." But he warned that "the uprisings in places such as Soweto and many others in that country (South Africa) are just nothing compared to the military conflagration that lies ahead."



Police armed with machine pistols, rifles and teargas canisters move in to break up demonstration in Soweto yesterday morning.

Young says S. Africa whites too strong for guerrillas

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Andrew Young, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, says South Africa's white government could not be overthrown by present African liberation fighters.

Answering questions on the "Black Perspective on the News" TV show, Young said, "Armed struggle is not as successful as everybody thinks it is and why, I'm not sure."

He said that of 49 independent African nations, only Algeria and the former Portuguese colonies had fought successfully for independence. "And even in those situations there was a strong negotiating component," he said. "Now, the U.S. is trying to be that negotiating component for the transfer of power (in southern Africa) with a minimum of violence and destruction."

Asked if critics were right to say he was too preoccupied with Africa, Young replied, "If you are going to live and work in the UN, you have got to be mainly concerned with Africa...When you are talking about 147 nations, 45 of them being African,

the African bloc issues dominate. "If you are going to have any credibility in the Middle East, the African bloc has got to understand what you are trying to do...and the African bloc probably has more influence on the Soviet Union and China than we do, so it would be stupid not to concentrate on Africa if you are going to survive in the UN," he said.

Young disputed an assertion by South African Foreign Minister Rieff P. Botha, currently in the U.S., that South African blacks were never enslaved.

Major quake hits South Pacific island

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters). — A major earthquake cut power lines on the South Pacific island of Tonga early yesterday, but the extent of any further damage was not yet known, the seismological observatory said here.

The observatory put the epicentre of the quake at about 2,200 kms. north of Wellington, between the Kermadec Islands and Tonga.

India acts to curb wide police powers

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The Indian government has withdrawn the wide powers given to police and other official security agencies to keep surveillance over private citizens, Samachar News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency, quoting official sources, said that in a further step to restore full civil liberties, police had been directed not to tap telephones

or to monitor conversations with long-range listening devices. Samachar said the order followed a recent cabinet decision to nullify the blanket powers given by the former Congress Party government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi to intelligence bodies to keep watch over legislators, judges, journalists, military officials and other prominent citizens.

The sources told Samachar that only the Intelligence Bureau, which is entrusted with national security matters, would now have the power to tap telephones, and even it would require permission from the home ministry.

Greece buys French missile boats

ATHENS (Reuters). — The government yesterday allocated \$47m. for the building of six missile-firing gunboats for the Greek navy.

The 450-ton gunboats, of the Combattante-3 class, will be built at Hellenic shipyards under licence from Constructions Mecaniques de Normandie of France.

The Cherbourg yards have already built four such gunboats for Greece, all equipped with Exocet missiles.

Suarez coalition regime moulds into single party

MADRID (UPI). — Premier Adolfo Suarez yesterday succeeded in merging his victorious electoral coalition towards a single party with himself at its head, the national news agency Citra reported.

It said official announcement of the agreement was imminent.

Suarez moved to unify his Democratic Centre Union before naming his new cabinet. He has met for four days with the newly-elected Cortes (parliament) deputies of the various liberal and social democratic parties that make up the middle-of-the-road coalition.

Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez and other opposition politicians earlier predicted that the Democratic Centre would slip apart after the June 15 elections.

Meanwhile, in the Basque region,

it appeared that condemnation was unanimous for the slaying of a kidnapping victim by Basque separatists.

The Government yesterday joined political parties ranging from the far left to the extreme right in condemning the killing of a wealthy industrialist by Basque guerrillas.

The body of Javier de Ybarra, 63, was found on Tuesday in woods off a mountain path near Bilbao. De Ybarra, who had been kidnapped on May 20 by the Basque separatist organization E.T.A., had been shot in the neck.

Although de Ybarra was closely identified with the Francoist regime, his execution was condemned by all political parties, and condemnation of the act was also unanimous in the Basque region.

Common market group for trade talks with China

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Economic Commission announced yesterday it would send negotiators to Peking early in July to lay the base for trade agreement between China and the Common Market.

The delegation will be headed by Roland de Kergorlay, deputy director general of the Commission. After its return to Brussels, the commission will draft a negotiating plan for approval by the nine EEC member governments.

China's invitation may be an indication of readiness to take up international relations actively again, following domestic troubles in recent years. It was in May 1975, more than two years ago, that the Chinese notified Sir Christopher Soames, then in charge of the commission's external affairs, that it would consider a trade agreement.

In 1975, the latest year for which figures are available, the nine exported \$1,322b. worth of goods to China and imported \$742m. worth.

As a group, the Common Market is China's second most important trading partner, after Japan.

Uganda: Amin on 'delayed honeymoon'

NAIROBI (UPI). — Uganda Radio yesterday announced that President Idi Amin was enjoying a delayed honeymoon with his wife and denounced as "malicious propaganda" reports he had disappeared following a reported assassination attempt.

"President Amin has been resting after a long period of hard work, as has been announced," the radio said in the first official comment on Amin's mysterious absence from his capital of Kampala.

"The allegations of his disappearance, therefore, seem to have originated from the Kenya news media, followed by the British press," the radio said. "The British and Kenyans should be ashamed, for nothing at all has happened to him."

The statement, read by a military spokesman, was the first official confirmation that Amin was alive after days of confusing reports he was either dead, badly wounded after an assassination attempt, or was engaged in another hoax.

20 U.S. congressmen, Pres. Park linked to South Korean kickbacks

By RONALD J. OSTROW
Washington Post News Service
WASHINGTON. — A former Korean Central Intelligence Agency chief testified on Wednesday that Korean lobbyist Tongsun Park once told him that a \$200,000 rice sale commission had been earmarked for 15 to 20 American Congressmen.

Kim Hyung Wook, the former KCIA director, told the House of Representatives Subcommittee on International Organizations that before fleeing Korea he turned the list of congressmen involved in the 1971 incident.

Testifying through an interpreter, Wook said he could not tell one American name from another and thus could not remember a single entry on the list — an explanation that Congressman Donald Fraser (Democrat of Minnesota), subcommittee chairman, accepted without pressing.

Wook's testimony, in a jammed hearing room and under stringent security precautions that Fraser said were taken because of threats against the witness, marked the first public statement under oath by anyone claiming first-hand knowledge of Park's alleged activities to influence American lawmakers.

Park is a central figure in investigations by the Justice Department and two House committees into allegations that money and other favours were used to buy support for South Korea in the U.S. Congress.

Once a prominent capital party-giver and owner of a Washington club, he has moved to London, out of reach of U.S. investigators. South Korea yesterday called Wook a "liar" for his testimony, Information Ministry.

spokesman Hwang Sun Pil said in Seoul that "it has angered and disgusted the Korean people that anti-state utterances have come from a man who left his own country in the early 1970s."

"To prevent this opposition, the well-known Tongsun Park scandal was undertaken," Wook said, referring to Tongsun Park's alleged influence buying. He did not elaborate on any knowledge President Park may have had of the influence-buying effort or whether he had authorized it.

Wook, who headed the KCIA from 1963 to 1969, explained the background of the \$200,000 rice sale commission and the role of the American congressmen this way:

He said that in late 1967 or early 1968, Park brought two congressmen with him to Korea and asked Wook for KCIA assistance in landing the exclusive broker position for imports of American rice into South Korea. The two congressmen, whose names Wook said he would disclose only at a closed door session of the subcommittee, "came to me and requested (that I give) such assistance," Wook said.

In return, the congressmen promised to do their service in modernizing Korean armed forces," Wook said — in other words to support American aid for the Korean military.

"I was not aware of the volume (of rice) or how much money there was in commissions or how they shared



Jerome Carrein, who died under the guillotine in the northern French town of Douai yesterday for the murder of a nine-year-old girl. (AP)

France beheads killer of child

DOUAI, France (UPI). — Jerome Carrein, 36, an unemployed labourer, was beheaded by the guillotine at daybreak yesterday for drowning nine-year-old Cathy Devimeux when she fought off his attempt to rape her.

Carrein was the second person to be executed in the three-year administration of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. The first also had murdered a child. Giscard has commuted the sentences of four other convicted murderers to life imprisonment.

Carrein was the 23rd person to be executed in France in the past 21 years.

He was found guilty of luring Cathy to his riverside tent on October 27, 1975 with a promise to help her look for crayfish and then drowning her when she fought off his attempt to rape her.

A frequent customer at the cafe owned by Cathy's parents, he had waited for her outside her school.

Soviets take tough stand in Belgrade

BELGRADE (UPI). — In what one Western delegate called "their toughest statement yet," the Soviet Union yesterday warned that the 35-nation meeting to review the 1975 Helsinki Agreement could "break down" unless the agenda satisfies the Russians.

Soviet delegate Vasily Vorontsov told the closed-door meeting, "I warn the delegates that if they continue with a frivolous attitude toward the integrity of the (Helsinki) Final Act, this could lead to a great unpleasantness," a Western delegate, reading from his notes in Russian, said. "It could lead to a dead end and a breakdown of our mission," Vorontsov added.

British delegate Peter Summersdale said the tone of the Russian's speech was "surprising" and "couldn't be clearer."

"Vorontsov was saying that if the main meeting is to take place at all it will have to be on their terms." At this preparatory conference, which began last week, the Soviet Union has proposed a one-sentence agenda taken directly from the Helsinki Final Act. "Western and neutral delegates objected to the Russian draft as not specific enough. Some Westerners charged that the Soviets were trying to bury the issue of human rights at the main conference this fall by pushing through a vague agenda."

Western delegates replied that the Russian proposal was "incomplete" and maintained that their more detailed agenda was equally faithful to the intent of the Helsinki accord.

A proposal drafted by the nine European Common Market countries and co-sponsored by the U.S. makes a clear distinction between review and new proposals. It is intended to provide for a full review of implementation of the Helsinki provisions on human rights.

U.S. delegation chief Albert Shriver Jr. said only, "It's going all right," as he left the conference hall during a lunching recess.

Meanwhile, neutral countries were lobbying for their own agenda.

The 35-nation conference preparing for the main meeting in the fall was discussing agenda proposals when Vorontsov asked to speak.

World's largest Catholic state approves divorce

BRASILIA (AP). — The Brazilian Congress approved yesterday a constitutional amendment allowing divorce possible for the first time in the world's biggest Roman Catholic country.

The measure now goes to President Ernesto Geisel to be signed into law. Geisel, a Lutheran and Brazil's first Protestant President, has taken no public stand on the divorce issue, but he is expected to sign it.

Approval came despite a massive effort by Brazil's Catholic church leaders, who warned that those who supported the measure in Congress and those who divorced would be excommunicated. While more than 90 million of Brazil's more than 100 million inhabitants are nominally Catholic, studies have shown that no more than 10 million persons attend mass regularly.

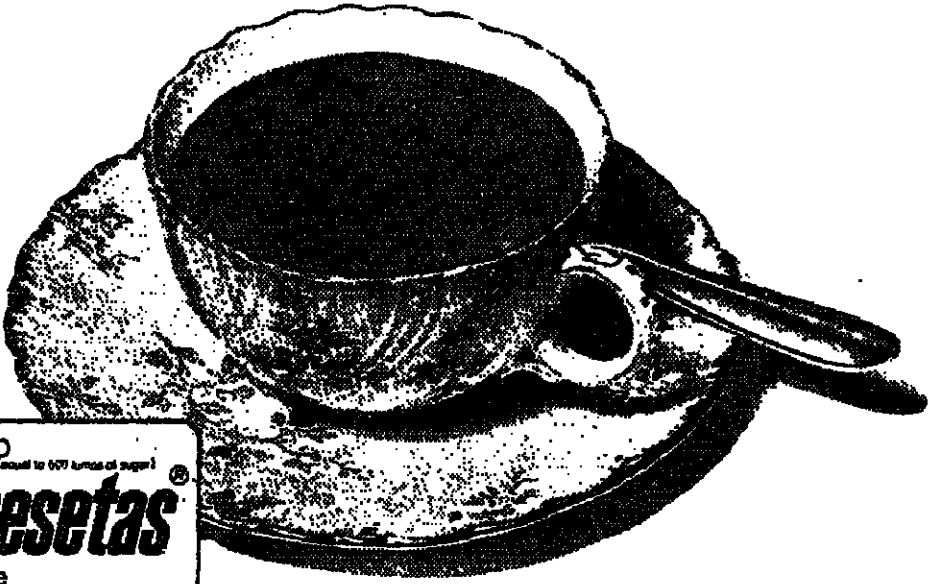
U.S. delays ban on saccharine

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to delay any ban on saccharine for at least 15 months, despite evidence it may cause bladder cancer. A Food and Drug Administration proposal to ban the artificial sweetener from food and beverages, which followed a Canadian study showing it caused cancer in laboratory rats, aroused a storm of protest.

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Skirt	1 kg. 31.40	30.90	Beef Shoulder	1 kg. 28.00	25.00
American beef liver	1 kg. 22.30	20.41			
Poultry			Yehiam Sausage		
Mini chicken	1 kg. 14.00	13.22	Wiener Cocktail	1/2 kg. 17.40	14.40
Chicken size 1	1 kg. 12.90	11.77	Frankfurter Cocktail	1/2 kg. 17.40	14.40
Chicken size 2	1 kg. 12.90	11.77	Cocktail (small sausages)	1 kg. 38.00	35.00
Chicken size 3	1 kg. 10.90	10.12			
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Roll	1 kg. 23.50	19.50	Pineapple (large)	can (5 kg. net) 47.00	40.00
Chicken Schnitzel	1 kg. 39.40	35.95	Range of imported canned foods at reduced prices		
Chicken Liver	1 kg. 41.20	39.90			
Duck	1 kg. 22.00	21.50	Beer		
Chicken Cocktail (thighs)	1 kg. 27.00	23.90	Guinness	24-can pack 123.50	125.90
			Tobruk	24-can pack 119.25	121.50
Snowcrest Icecream			Bavaria	24-can pack 124.00	126.00
Chocolate vanilla	pack 11.50		Amstel	24-can pack 122.50	114.20
Strawberry lemon	pack 11.50				
Pineapple apricot	pack 11.50		Turkey		
Banana punch	pack 11.50		Shvirma	1 kg. 30.00	23.80
Pecan	pack 11.50		Schnitzel	1 kg. 45.40	34.50
Fish					
Sealachs Fillet	400 gm. 18.45	11.45	Salads		
Prisoner (flakes)	pack 11.50	8.25	All types, humous, tehina, mayonnaise, Turkish, eggplant	1 kg. 16.90	
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Haim and Hanech, the electoral twins

WE ARE GETTING so spoiled by superb live coverage of great events outside scheduled hours that we had a distinct grievance when Haim Yavin signed off at four a.m. on Wednesday night for a three hour break. After all, on May 17 he kept open for business right through till eight or later. True, from three a.m. onwards, many of us were snoring on and off in our armchairs, but we did so with the comfortable knowledge that the moment we opened our eyes with a start we would see yet another brilliant analysis by Hanech Smith, or hear a shrewdly handled interview with some winner or loser.

Haim was in great form: the way he handles these election nights puts him in world class as a newscaster. He had a bad patch when he was in America, and for some time after his return: I don't know whether he was modelling himself on Walter Cronkite or somebody else he saw over there, but he became serious, earnest, even pompous in his delivery. Now he is once more using his own, subtle style of sharp exposition illuminated by dry wit. Some of his comments on Wednesday morning packed a punch like Joe Louis', as when he surveyed the Alignment merrymaking, and noted quietly that other people had been celebrating a month earlier, and that the joy was so great that one might almost think they had won the Knesset elections.

But the best crack of the night was made by the man who did more than anyone else, I suspect, to bring the Alignment romping home — Simha Erlich. He said that the Alignment joy reminded him of the man who had broken a leg, but was delighted that he had not broken two.

Tension mounted almost unendurably as the hands of our watches moved sluggishly towards eleven o'clock, when, he knew, Haim and Hanech Smith would produce a trick forecast that would end up very close to absolutely correct. I doubt whether so many television viewers have been so fascinated by ballet as were hundreds of thousands of Israeli workers in those last few moments of the tenth hour.

Of course, I was convinced all along that the Alignment would win — I even placed bets on a Labour victory — and yet, and yet... hadn't I expected them to win the Knesset elections? Somebody from abroad scoffed at my anxiety, declaring that it was utterly impossible that a laissez faire capitalist political party could capture the Israeli vote. I was like a Republican takeover of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., or a Conservative seizure of the British T.U.C. Ah, I explained, this was Israel, Israel is different, here we vote backwards, and anything can happen, as in Alice's Looking-Glass world.

But the voters, as Menachem Begin had said the day before in the Knesset and Golda Meir was to say in the Alignment HQ on Tuesday night, knew exactly what they were doing.

At long last Hanech joined Haim, and, with their first words, we knew that the formal count would prove to be just a formality. There was one worrying moment later when Haim mentioned that Mina Tzemach on the radio had forecast a mere 47 per cent for the Alignment; we recalled that she was the only pollster to have gone right about the Knesset elections two days before they took place. Hanech comforted us by explaining that she and he were using different systems; her poll was done before the voters went to the voting booths, and so was based on expectations that could change at the last moment; his was of voters after they had cast their ballots. So that was all right.

Haim and Hanech fell together into a wonderful team, they go together like bacon and eggs — no, no, no, cancel that. I forgot that we are living in the A.H. (After Hanech) era; they go together like soup and bread, or like fufufel and pita. Let's play safe and stick to metaphors; they go together like Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, the Beatles. Maybe they should not limit themselves to election nights, but should go into business as a regular act.

Of the many good interviews, by far the best was Haim's with Binyamin Halkon, the elections expert, who did so well for Flatto Sharon (Sammy), by the way, is paying a high price for his immunity — I can imagine few kinds of hard labour more arduous than sitting through long Knesset debates, and understanding only such French as is spoken there).

Halkon made it clear that in his opinion elections have nothing to do with fine principles and platforms, only with organisation. "Give me the money," he said, "and I can get anybody in!" He contended that he had done so poorly for his latest candidate because Rabbi Menachem Hacohen cut down his budget. Halkon is prepared to work for any candidate who pays him, except for a Communist or a man committing a security offence, and he guarantees success at the polls if given adequate funds. Haim Yavin thought this cynical claim unsubstantiated in the light of the poor Rabbi's failure.

Professor Ephraim Kleiman and Dr. Rivka Bar-Yosef produced some very wise interpretations of the sociological and economic trends manifest in the elections. When asked about Professor Milton Friedman, Professor Kleiman gently disclaimed all responsibility for him and the Chicago school. Like poor Mr. Kalamit, whom we saw recently one night, Professor Friedman has already become a living legend in Israel in his own lifetime; working mothers terrify their children into eating their bananas or whatever by threatening them that Milton Friedman will get them if they don't.

The list of credits at the close of the seven o'clock session seemed endless, but I am sure that everyone deserved to be mentioned, and I join with Haim Yavin in lavishing congratulations all over the place.

THAT LONG NIGHT came so soon after the long afternoon devoted to the Knesset session that I am left with inadequate space to do justice to some other excellent live reporting. The decision to go on hour after hour, and to scrap all scheduled programmes, was a revolutionary one; I can think of no precedent for an eight-hour marathon beginning at

four o'clock. It was certainly correct; the show got more and more absorbing as it went on.

Menachem Begin got off to a low-keyed but good opening speech: it was good to have a prime minister throwing ideological and Biblical quotes around, like B.C. used to do, even if Begin's ideals and texts differ somewhat from those of the Old Man. As the show went on, the suspense mounted. Shulamit Aloni was in sparkling form, producing quotes of her own to embarrass the nationalist-religious coalition. She, Lova Eliav and Meir Pa'il are obviously going to have a great time gunning for the government, particularly about its theocratic stance.

The religious parties have apparently cast Yehuda Ben-Meir in the role of the marshall who sets forth to outgun the gunmen; there was much flavour of a high noon meeting outside the saloon in his clashes with the dauntless three.

Then came great tragedy, worthy of the Greeks or Shakespeare, as Dayan mounted the pulpit. The man who lost his eye for his country, and who has risked his life for it in innumerable battles and skirmishes, exposed himself to the ferocious taunts of people he despised. I was reminded irresistibly of Christiaan de Witt, forced to beg the voices of the masses.

Jaques Amir and others in the Alignment were soon joined in bay in the hear by Meir Pa'il and Lova Eliav. There was a time when even his opponents would keep silent to hear Dayan's views, because he expresses them in his own clear and incisive style, but now they thundered one question at him, "Are you giving up the mandate?" He appealed plaintively — Moshe Dayan plaintive! — to newly appointed Deputy Speaker Shoshana Arbelli-Amozellino, but she was not interested in his troubles, she clearly considers him beyond the pale. Only the return of Yitzhak Shamir to the Speaker's chair saved him from further punishment.

The new Premier did not answer the debate at all, but he made some excellent jokes, beginning with his comment to Shimon Peres that he thought — perhaps subjectively — that the previous Leader of the Opposition would have done a better job. Then he baited Shulamit about not having Marcia with her any more. He moved amiably from joke to joke to his foregone vote of confidence.

It is certainly going to be fun having him as prime minister, to make mighty or witty speeches. Generally, if every Knesset meeting provides as good a show as this one, with its compound of drama, tension, tragedy and comedy, by all means let us have it instead of the normal Monday night programmes.

Reaching out for Jews

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

JERUSALEM's Centre for Conservative Judaism has had one big surprise and one major disappointment since it opened its doors five years ago next Sunday: Orthodox opposition have never demonstrated against it, but they have also refused to join forces and promote Jewish identity together with it.

The 50 year old buildings at the corner of Rehov Keren Hayesod and Rehov Agmon in the heart of Rehavia used to house a Baptist mission whose workers tried, in a well-known incident, to convert to Christianity a Yemenite family whose flower stand was located on the opposite corner. When David Zucker, now president of the (Conservative) World Council of Synagogues, first approached the missionaries about purchase, they had no idea that he was a representative of the Conservative movement.

"The deal went through, and since then our centre has become one of the leading Jewish institutions of Jerusalem," says Dr. Pesach Schindler, who came on aliya a few days before the opening to serve as its director. Although the Jerusalem address is not yet the world centre of Conservative Judaism, it serves as the headquarters of the United Synagogue, the roof organization of Conservative congregations in America.

"We could easily have hung up a shingle as have other Jewish organizations based in the U.S. — and rested on the laurels of our parent organization," says Schindler. "But we didn't want to be a front. We were determined to stand on our own two feet and create models for Jewish programmes here."

So the quaint old buildings have become a focus of activity, with something happening nearly every night of the week in addition to regular services in the synagogue. There are classes in Talmud, the Pentateuch and Midrash and University student programmes. The centre also provides space for seminars and lectures in conjunction with the Hebrew University and the Moadon Ha'Oleh in Jerusalem, as well as the Zamar Choral, and Parents without Partners.

About 500 persons pass through the centre every week, according to its director, making the total figure



A Talmud class taught by Dr. Pesach Schindler (Carol Gootter)

over the last five years nearly 130,000.

The Conservative Movement in the U.S., though ideologically Zionist since the days of Solomon Schechter, still has a way to go in the fulfilment of Zionist principles. Israel has been seen too often as merely the recipient of funds, an image, says Schindler, that has been promoted by Israel itself. Israel is still not seen by enough Diaspora Jews as a place to live in and to visit.

"We are trying to make Eretz Yisrael a more important component of the Conservative movement," he continues. Another goal of the centre is along with the country's 21 other Conservative congregations — is to help some of the 3,000 Conservative families who have come on aliya to feel more at home and enjoy the brand of Judaism they were used to. The sense of belonging fostered in the centre, according to Schindler, has saved dozens of families from yeriya.

Israelis who are considered "secular" by the Orthodox but are, in fact, seeking their traditional roots are another target of the centre. "We are not competing with the Orthodox or with the Reform," maintains Schindler. "We want to bring the others closer to their own place." The director hopes that the Conservative movement will eventually establish a "Conservative-style" yeshiva for young people in Israel.

The centre's 90-bed Bernstein Youth Hostel, which has been run by the Youth Hostel Association, will be converted in September into a Jewish educational centre providing religion and culture in addition to

bed and board. Professional and volunteer counsellors will conduct tours of Jerusalem, organize Jewish folk-dancing and singing events, show the visitors how to observe Shabbat and holidays and direct them to Jewish studies programmes and other opportunities to follow up what they have learned.

Along with the accomplishments, Schindler admits the failures. "We haven't been able to reach out to our fellow Jews in the Orthodox community who judge us by preconceptions and our entire movement by the actions of individuals. The Orthodox are often more willing to deal with non-believers and join them in political arrangements than to cooperate with Conservatives who are committed to Judaism, he explains. "The Orthodox find it easier to look over their right shoulder (to more extreme religious groups) than their left shoulder (to the Conservatives)."

Schindler is also disappointed that the movement in America has not provided enough funds for the Jerusalem centre. The IL\$500,000 that is budgeted by the World Council of Synagogues and United Synagogue per year, as well as personal contributions, is only \$50,000 — a relatively meagre "take" in a single Conservative congregation's annual appeal for funds.

The movement could have collected funds from members who are frightened by the rising Orthodox power in Israel and who threaten to give to the Conservatives rather than to the United Jewish Appeal unless the non-Orthodox movements are recognised. But Dr. Schindler disapproves of such tactics. "We don't use irresponsibly the clout we have," he says.

Gesher (bridge) between Jewish and Arab women

By JOAN BOSTEN

SIXTY-SEVEN Jewish women, mostly professionals between the ages of 35 and 60, meet early one evening in Haifa's Central Carmel public library, and head for Galilee. Among them is a Dutch-born educator who has just completed a book on the Holocaust; an Egyptian-born poetess; a district court judge, a university lecturer; a psychologist; and several teachers.

Their destination is Kafr Yasif, a village of 4500 Christians, Moslems, and Druse where 28 Arab women, mostly in their 20s and 30s, are waiting under the fig trees of Samiya Houry's large outdoor patio. Social workers, nurses, teachers, and educators, housewives from Kafr Yasif, Acre, Haifa, Safad, and Rama greet the Jews warmly. The women chat in Hebrew and English, and nibble on homemade cakes and Oriental sweetmeats which they wash down with instant coffee, Turkish coffee, and freshly brewed tea.

"Gesher" (The Bridge) was first founded several years ago by Mrs. Ruth Lys, the Israeli mother who, after losing her son in the Yom Kippur War, began a new famous correspondence with Jehan Sadat, the wife of Egypt's president. The group's purpose has always been to get Israeli Arab and Israeli Jewish women together. After a reorganization last July, however, Gesher

became an action group whose members meet not only to talk but to work jointly on political projects. This year's area of concentration is education, partly because Gesher was recently adopted by the Haifa branch of the Israeli Association of University Women. One of whose international themes is currently "women as agents of change."

Members of Gesher for instance, recently studied several Arab kindergartens which Arab mothers insisted were on a very low level. The members found that the problem was largely a financial one and that the blame lies not with the national Education Ministry but with the individual local councils for whom pre-school education is not always a priority. Gesher began "educating" local mothers to press, through proper channels, for necessary funds and better conditions, and even to open private kindergartens (as Jews do).

Another Gesher project now getting underway is an afternoon clubhouse for Jewish and Arab youngsters in Acre. Through the club, members hope to produce books, a film, and a play which can be used in all Israeli schools, whether mixed, purely Arab, or purely Jewish, and which document the country's different peoples, religions, customs, and languages. Local writers have already been contacted and urged to write "Israeli"



Members of Gesher meeting in Kafr Yasif. (Photo Boulos)

children's stories stressing this theme.

Even while working on these projects, Gesher meets once a month for joint discussions, sometimes in Haifa or Acre, sometimes in Arab villages.

The topic of the Kafr Yasif get-together was prejudice, the attractive, very well-prepared Acre housewife outlines different types of prejudice — between men and women; between countries, between the more educated and the less educated — and concludes with an analysis of how most Jews and Arabs see each other. Usually, at this point in a meeting, the women break up into small groups of two to six members for more intimate exchanges. As this is logistically impossible at the Kafr Yasif meeting, a general discussion ensues, each side citing frank examples of prejudice among Israelis.

The women try to figure out why there is prejudice and how to stop it. Does it begin in the home? In school? Or from the media? It is clear that the Arabs, sounding more and more like Diaspora Jews, want integration into the mainstream of Israeli life, and want to see themselves as Israelis. Most of these women, despite their community's large vote for RAKAH in the recent election, reject extremism and feel that they have a common goal with the Jews.

The Arab women are unhappy when the Jews say that it will be a long time before Israel knows internal peace. They immediately set about shortening the way, suggesting that Gesher sponsor a picnic for members, their children and their husbands, as well as a summer camp. They also hope that a television programme about Gesher,

scheduled to be shown on June 28 in the Arabic-language family programme "B'Mishpaha" (7:00 p.m.), will encourage other Jewish and Arab women in Israel to begin Gesher groups.

Many attempts have been made in the past by Israeli women's groups to "bridge" the gap between the minorities, sometimes successfully, usually unsuccessfully. How many other Israeli Arab women are even interested in joint projects with the Jews these days is anyone's guess.

Nelly Erdstein, co-chairman with Ruth Lys of Gesher and chairman of the Haifa branch of the Israeli Association of University Women, is optimistic, however. She points out that the women in Gesher are young, a new generation raised in Israel, and that for the first time in years some minority women have joined the LAUW.

"Whatever you do begins with a few. I don't think it's too late for Arab and Jewish women to get together, to talk things out, to meet each other regularly. I want to know who I'm living with, and think that the fact that I don't is wrong. If other Jews say I'm strange, that's okay with me. I feel that as an Israeli, I share a common goal with the Arab women. Maybe we can do a better job of getting along with this generation than with the last."

Adds Bustha Karaman, a Moslem third grade teacher from Haifa: "There's a proverb in Arabic which says, 'If something itches, only you can scratch it.' We Israelis have to solve our own problems, no one else can do that for us. Whatever we are doing here, it is something and that's what's important."

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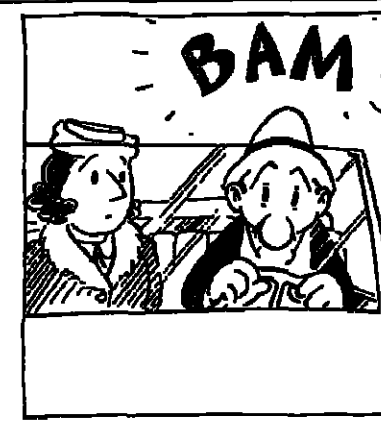
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ISRAEL and Japan may seem to be worlds apart, but when their political and social attitudes are compared with those of the United States, they have much in common. This is one of the interesting results of a sociological study being carried out by Dr. Kazufumi Manabe, Associate Professor of Public Opinion and Communications at Japan's Kansai Gakuin University, who is now finishing a year of research in Israel.

According to Prof. Manabe's findings, political awareness — in terms of discussion and attention to mass media — is high among Israelis and Japanese, but actual involvement is low. For instance, the majority of both Israelis and Japanese either feel that they cannot change an unjust national regulation or do not know what to do to change it. In contrast, both political awareness and involvement are high in America.

When asked what they take most pride in about their country, 95 percent of Americans, reflecting satisfaction with their system, replied "its political structure." In Israel, only 8 percent and in Japan only 5 percent of the respondents gave a similar answer. In spite of these apparent reservations about politics, the majority of Israelis and Japanese consider love of one's country to be very important.

Israelis and Japanese also seem to want much the same things from life. Over a third of both chose love and honesty as the most important value, while almost one-fourth chose work. Americans also value love and honesty very highly but do not consider work to be so important. When it comes to voicing their opinions, both Israelis and Japanese feel most free to express themselves at school rather than at home or at their jobs, although on the whole the Japanese are less given to self-expression. In the United States people feel free to state their views at their jobs.

In spite of the similarity in responses, Prof. Manabe found that Israeli society is marked by

Study indicates: Israelis, Japanese have similar values

By KINUE WEINSTEIN
Special to the Post

cognitive discordance among its various segments and groups. In contrast, he claims that, no matter how much they may be divided in their opinions, the Japanese remain unconsciously connected to one another.

Prof. Manabe collected his information about Israel from a poll conducted last February by the Israel Institute of Applied Social Science, where Prof. Manabe is currently working with Prof. Louis Guttman and Prof. Eliav Katz. Questionnaires containing 33 questions were distributed to 539 Israelis in the four main cities. Some interesting facts about Israeli society emerged from this poll.

In spite of repeated complaints about rampant materialism in Israeli society, only 7 percent chose "money, position and fame" as the most important value in their life, and only 12 percent chose "luxury, freedom and comfort." Religion was also low on the list of priorities, with only 8 percent of the participants giving this as their preference.

The turn-out at the recent Knesset elections was once again high, but, according to the poll, more Israelis voted out of duty than for personal satisfaction. With regard to everyday living, the family provides the greatest source of satisfaction as compared with friends, job, school and neighbors. Israelis took greatest pride in "the scientific

achievements" of their country while the Japanese were most proud of their country's economic situation and their countrymen's traits.

The motivation behind Prof. Manabe's research is the desire to analyze the divisions within the different societies. The problem of social division and integration, Prof. Manabe points out, is shared by both industrialized and developing societies, although different factors may be involved. For the sake of his analysis Prof. Manabe chose three societies which sharply differ in character. Japan represents a homogeneous society. America has a heterogeneous character which lacks a common base, although it is united by pragmatic considerations. Israel is somewhere in the middle — a heterogeneous society whose Jewishness gives it a common base.

The basic method of the research is not new, having been introduced by two American social scientists in the early 1960s as a study of civic culture. In order to achieve a more penetrating analysis, however, Prof. Manabe is applying the "smallest spaces analysis," a method developed by Prof. Guttman which relies on three-dimensional analysis rather than on simple graphs.

Another of Prof. Manabe's projects is the study of communication between Israel and Japan. A special section on this theme was added to the questionnaires given in February. He found that Israelis have a positive attitude towards Japan and support a stronger relationship with her, but in terms of actual knowledge they know very little about Japan.

Before leaving Japan Prof. Manabe conducted a poll among a small group of university students and discovered that they were much influenced by the pro-Arab Japanese press. Prof. Manabe has also compared elementary school textbooks in the two countries. Much more is written about Japan in Israeli textbooks than is written about Israel in Japanese textbooks.

BRIDGE / George E. Levin

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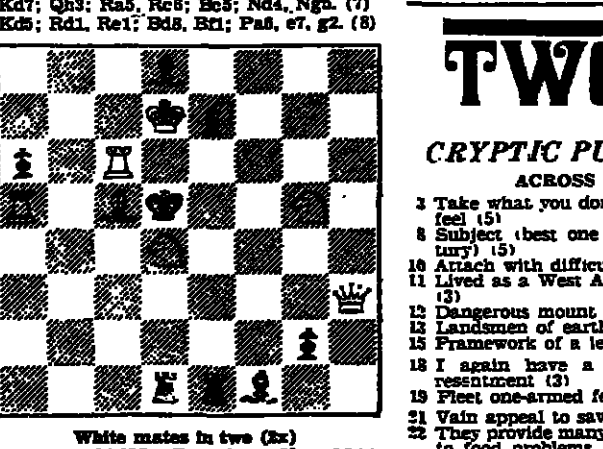
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South (N) ♠ — ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —

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By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Friday, June 24, 1977



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MUSIC AND MUSICIANS / Yohanan Boehm

Music in the open air



A kindergarten group strolling in Batel Mahasei Square (Braum)

"I WOULDN'T LIKE to be a full-time concert pianist, having to practice eight hours every day. Concert artists are so often such dull people... For me, music is a bonus."

Hephzibah Menuhin, sister of Yehudi and Yaltah, still practices every day but she is anything but a dull person and her deep interest in people overrides her pre-occupation with her music. She never gives more than 30 concerts during a season, as she does not want to be enslaved by the necessary preparation and thus hampered in her everyday activities.

Married at 18, she went to live with her Australian husband on his ranch. She raised a family, played with Australian orchestras and chamber music ensembles and gave solo recitals. She found time to run a mobile library for isolated people living in the outback and played every Sunday evening for her husband's ranch-hands and their families.

For the past several years she has been living in London with her second husband, a socio-anthropologist. She collaborates with him in humanitarian endeavours in a working class district in order to find solutions for the ills of human behaviour in society. Their theory is that anti-social violence should be channelled into constructive energy, not suppressed or fought with counter-violence. Community patterns are basically the same for about 75 per cent of the population, she claims; the other 25 per cent reflect typical national, racial or cultural differences, varying from country to country.

It so happened that in the nearly two hours we spent together over the breakfast table, relatively little was said about music. Instead, Hephzibah talked of the many other things that occupy her lively mind. She is easy to talk to; the warm humanity, which reveals itself when she plays Mozart, Beethoven or Schubert, creates an immediate feeling of empathy. She gets down to essentials without preamble, explains her ideas with precision.

We exchanged views on music therapy ("a scientific bluff"); success with mentally disturbed children through music; organic fertilizer for gardens; differences between the Oriental and western mentalities; the actual similarity between what appear to be vastly

different national groups; the association between certain melodies and events connected by chance or accident.

With a luminous smile, she informed me that the simple dress she had worn at her Israel Museum concert (which I had taken to be an expression of her informality) was the result of a luggage mix-up at Lod Airport and had been borrowed from an old friend from her Australian days who now lives in Jerusalem.

"Why don't you tell the world about the wonderful things being done here," she asked. "How many people outside know that you treat so many Arab patients at the Hadassah Hospital here? I didn't know until I saw them myself the other day."

JUNE is a month usually crowded with special events as if everybody wanted to get into the show before the end of the season — which means the beginning of another, the Festival Season.

The Zimrah, that stimulating in-

ternational choral gathering meeting for the tenth time since it was inaugurated in 1962, opens in Jerusalem on July 6. Chorus from Iceland, Britain, the U.S., Belgium, Germany, Denmark, South Africa, Mexico and Switzerland — altogether some 1000 singers — will be joined in various events all over the country by 1,500 Israeli choristers.

The Israel Festival — the 17th since 1961 — begins on July 16, but its programme will warrant a special survey in a future column.

The Israel Band Federation will hold its first Festival Week in Jerusalem in the middle of July to demonstrate the important social role played by bands and wind ensembles in Israel today. Some 15 ensembles in various parts of the capital, a massed band concert at the YMCA Sports Ground, with over 500 young players, and a concert at the Theatre with selected bands will lead up to a conductors' seminar, at the Jerusalem Music Centre, near

the Mishkenot Sha'ananim. The seminar will be directed by veteran expert Dr. William D. Revell, who is coming from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to spend a few weeks listening to, advising and working with conductors, bands and ensembles. It is to be hoped that his activities will help this musical movement to get recognition from the powers-that-be.

NEXT WEEK the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will present two special events. An Open-Air Concert at Batel Mahasei Square in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City is scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m. Presented by London Jerusalem impresario Victor Hochhauser (he now has a house in Yemin Moshe), the concert will feature Mendel Rodan conducting Ben-Haim's "Fantasia to Israel," and Dvorak's Ninth Symphony ("From the New World"). The soloist is Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto ("The Emperor") will be Hephzibah Menuhin. Mayor Teddy Kollek is the patron of the event, and all proceeds to go to the Jerusalem Foundation and the Sharrett Scholarship Fund of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

The second concert takes place two days later, on June 28, and is dedicated to "Young Artists." Again, Mendel Rodan will conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in works by Bach, Ravel, Mozart and Mendelssohn, and five young talents will vie for public acclaim (for details, see "Poster").

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will wind up the month with a "Mozart Marathon" on June 30. From 11 a.m. until midnight, Mozart will reign supreme in the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. The Orchestra will perform for schoolchildren at 11 a.m. under the direction of Noam Sheriff; at 5 p.m., Shalom Ronik-Riklis will lead it, with Silvia Greenberg as soloist; and at 9 p.m., Gary Bertini will occupy the rostrum to conduct the IPO, with Pinna Saltzman and Henryk Szeryng, as featured soloists. In the morning session, young pianist Ilan Rikhtman and (not-so-young) horn player Yaacov Mishori will participate. Between these programmes solo performances, chamber music, vocal music, and practically all aspects of Mozart's creations will be presented by members of the IPO and well-known guest artists.

CHRISTIAN COMMENT / Oikoumenikos

An African Christian view of Jewish tradition



Prof. John S. Mbiti

PROFESSOR John S. Mbiti, well-known African author, poet, and theologian from Kenya, recalls that when he was learning to read, only portions of the Hebrew Bible had been translated into and printed in his mother tongue of Kikamba. How avidly he read Genesis and Daniel! "Years later," he says, "we were delighted to get the whole Bible in our language, and practically every sermon I have heard in my language since then contained quotations and passages from the Old Testament."

Dr. Mbiti's spiritual home is the Council of Churches' Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People which met in Jerusalem this week. His address on "African Christians and Jewish Religious Heritage" drew thoughtful responses from several sources, including Hebrew University Professor Shalom Paul and Rabbi Dr. Pinchas Peli, who attended the session as guests.

Although African Christians now number approximately 100,000,000, relatively few have had direct contact with Jewish people. African Christians generally, says Dr. Mbiti, "see the Jews as they are presented in the Bible — a deeply religious people, with God at the centre of their religion. Two points bring Jews and African Christians into an area of supremely important commonalities: God and religion. The details may differ, but the structures are very similar."

Every African people and language has a name for God, and African Christians discover that many of the divine attributes which are found in their oral traditions are confirmed or reiterated in the Biblical record and in Jewish religious life. (Dr. Mbiti's book, *Concepts of God in Africa*, London, S.P.C.K., 1970, documents this impressively.)

Specific religious laws, offerings, sacrifices, festivals and prayers in the Biblical record, remarked Dr. Mbiti, "come very close to those observed in African religious life. The Hebrew Bible 'tells myths, stories, and accounts of Jewish life that are very similar to their own.' This makes the African reader feel very much at home. 'There are in-built commonalities in African religious life and the Biblical texts,' he added, which may provide a meeting point for African and Jew today.

Many of the names of independent churches and religious movements in Africa reflect the way in which Jewish symbolism has been taken over and adapted to the African setting. Some of these are: African Holy Zionist Church, African Israel, Holy Nineveh, African Spiritual Israel Church, God of Israel Zion

Church, Lost Israelites of Kenya, African Zionist Church, African Remnant of Israel Church, and many others. (For a broad survey, see David Barrett, *Schisms and Renewal in Africa*, Oxford, 1968.)

The use of the Hebrew scriptures is much more evident in African Christianity. Prof. Mbiti points out that since independence in some countries, are expressing their faith in ways that are culturally authentic. African. Drama, dance, and art are being used to convey their faith and its meaning for life. Joyous worship, perhaps somewhat parallel to the instrumented Levite worship in the Temple of old, is accompanied in Africa by literally hundreds of different musical instruments. The cultural 'enclotching' of their faith is less imported and more genuinely African.

Contemporary Judaism, however, is an unknown entity for most African Christians, remarks Prof. Mbiti. He told the Consultation that when he was growing up in Kenya, he and his fellow Christians were surprised to discover that most Jews were not Christians. They could not understand why Jesus was not generally accepted as Messiah and Saviour, since Jesus was a Jew. They were appalled to learn how shamefully Jews had been treated by so-called 'Christians' in Europe. "To be 'Christian,' and at the same time to treat the Jews as European history and literature have treated them, were two irreconcilable mysteries that even up to now I have been unable to fathom satisfactorily," confessed Mbiti.

The "Exodus motif" has provided African Christians with great inspiration in their struggle for political freedom and social justice, Dr. Mbiti emphasized. "Today in southern Africa, the cry is, in the words of Moses: 'Let my people go!' And they are convinced that as God brought freedom to the people of Israel, He will also bring freedom to those of Africa."

African participants in the session noted the lack of knowledge of post-Biblical Judaism among African Christians. It was remarked that awareness of that part of the Jewish heritage could greatly enhance the African understanding of early Christianity, and, of course, of Jewish religious life today.

The Bible continues to play an important role in African life, particularly south of the Sahara. It has been translated in part or whole in 600 of the 1000 languages of Africa. One of the results is that the Biblical world is injected into African thought forms.

Dr. Mbiti reports that current studies show that Christianity in Africa is growing at about 21 per cent per annum — faster than Islam. While the problems of political oppression, hunger, limited educational opportunities, and culturally-imposed forms of Christianity continue to plague the people, there are also signs of hope.

One encouraging sign is that African Christians, particularly since independence in some countries, are expressing their faith in ways that are culturally authentic. African. Drama, dance, and art are being used to convey their faith and its meaning for life. Joyous worship, perhaps somewhat parallel to the instrumented Levite worship in the Temple of old, is accompanied in Africa by literally hundreds of different musical instruments. The cultural 'enclotching' of their faith is less imported and more genuinely African.

Prof. Mbiti and other African Christian leaders at the Consultation indicated how much they owe to the Jewish religious heritage, and especially, they said, because Jesus was a product of it.

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IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

Knowing the Land'

TAKING a walk with the Nature Lovers' Society is a pursuit which is unusual in being both virtuous and pleasurable. Merely to obey the instruction from the ancients to "Know the Land" is a good deed and positive good comes from fresh air, exercise and moral superiority to people who just laze about the house. This philosophy often impels me from my hedonistic, including the rest of my family, are just turning over for a second snooze.

Weather is not a consideration to us hardy hikers. We trudge through sludge, march through torrents, heat, on the other hand, I rather thought should be avoided and when temperatures rose to 30 degrees Centigrade I thought prudence would keep us at home. But our jolly band of wayfarers belittled my fears. "It will be cooler on the way," they said, ignoring experience and common sense and, notwithstanding a sinister east wind, "It isn't a khamis — really."

When we reached the Valley of Yehuda we were divided into two sections. One would take the harder way which entailed climbing down a cable, then swimming across a gully to meet with the rest later. The easier way would be a mere walk down a mountain-side to a pleasant shady stream where we could bathe. Pride urged me to go with the first group. A mental picture of my neat overhand descent, followed by a clean dive into cool, clean depths was very attractive. However, this was quickly followed by a different, more realistic vision, of clinging desperately to a rope and, unable to move, being rescued by the guides and holding everyone up. Besides I can't dive.

Discretion having prevailed I moved off with the second group over a wall and through a field. On either side thistles taller than I defended their territory. By holding my hands high I managed to escape all but the most determined, but others without my height were not so fortunate. We stopped on the other side to attend to the scratched and slashed faces. The descent began quite modestly,

over scree which threatened nothing worse than a turned ankle. Gradually the stones grew larger. Soon it was not possible to walk over them, only round them. Often they combined with other stones which could only be climbed over. There was no path but a faint track was sometimes visible down which we slithered and scrambled and fell. Occasionally it ended in a small drop on to bone-shattering stones. The procedure was to sit on the edge, take a deep breath, say a prayer and launch the body into space. The stir seemed to hang a couple of hundred metres above our heads and the only shade we had was when we crawled through the low boughs of the thorn bushes that sprang in our way.

The river had to be crossed by stepping-stones. Alight for me with my long stride, but though we formed a chain to help, a few of the smaller people fell in. The rest of us soaked our heads and tied dripping scarves round our necks for the next part. This was along the river, through tightly entwined oleanders and down the banks looking for the way. Boulders edging the water had to be inched round with toe and hand-holds precariously gripped. Or we swung from one low branch to another (I hate Tarzan) hoping they were stronger than they looked. More people fell in. At the largest rocks, the shorter of our companions had to be boosted up from behind hauled on to the top and let down at the other side. The sun could not penetrate the trees and leaves but the hot arid wind could and dried up our breath in our lungs. Scarlet-faced and gasping, I looked around to exchange grumbles and saw that many people, some older and fatter than I, were as unconcerned as if they were just strolling through the park. They were chatting, telling jokes, even singing. I would have swallowed my complaints but my throat was choked with dust.

At the rendezvous, the first group was bathing and telling how easy it was. I opened my mouth to describe our trek when the fat lady who was behind me all the way said it was nice but rather tame. "Next time we'll make it a race," she said. Will we indeed!



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The dilemma of South Africa's Jews

SOUTH AFRICAN Jewry is today facing a major dilemma — to stay or to leave the Republic. Other things being equal, Jews would not be thinking of leaving South Africa, any more than they would leave the United States, Canada or Australia — except for those pulled to Israel by Zionism.

But special factors are at work in South Africa — fear for the long-term future of the white population and revisionist government policies on the part of the liberal-minded, who doubt whether these can be reversed under the present political system. Jews outside South Africa have shown an increasing interest in this dilemma, sometimes sympathetically, sometimes critically. British Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, for example, has written and spoken of "the potential liquidation of South African Jewry by mass emigration," a possibility he compares with the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

Added to which is the bleak prospect of these Jews having to live in a racist society repugnant to their moral sensitivities. Predictably, the Chief Rabbi's words aroused strong reactions among South African Jewish spokesmen. David Diamond, general secretary of the South African Board of Deputies wrote: "Quite unequivocally, we can say we are not immigrants in this place, neither are we temporary sojourners" while even the "Zionist Record" headed its editorial on the subject "Un-Considered Opinions."

Prof. Marcus Arkin, director-general of the South African Zionist Federation, also expressed scepticism over forecasts of mass emigration. He believes that while individuals may leave, the great majority will remain. The Jewish proportion of the white population will be declining for demographic

reasons, were it not for the influx of Israeli expatriates which he puts at between 12,000 and 20,000 (which exceeds the number of South Africans in Israel).

The situation is well summarised by Max Melamed in "Congress Monthly" (published by the American Jewish Congress). "Some South Africans are heroic, others craven. Some are compassionate, others are selfish and heartless. Some identify with the exploited, others are perfectly happy in the ranks of the exploiters. Some feel guilty about the comfort they enjoy in the midst of inequality, some don't give it a second thought. Some, especially those with young children, consider leaving, others have no intention of doing so. What must be said is that a disproportionate percentage of white activists for racial equality has been and is still Jewish."

In this latter connection, he mentions that the president of the Board of Deputies, an unprecedented departure from the board's policy of not taking a stand on political issues, has called for a new and more sympathetic approach to the aspirations of South Africa's non-whites. He also mentions that in no constituency where the Jewish vote is decisive has a supporter of apartheid ever been elected to parliament. At the same time, there is an element of fear in Jewish attitudes towards black militants and recognition that anti-white violence draws no distinction between friend and foe.

Apart from ally to Israel, South African Jews tend to emigrate to other English-speaking countries. Melamed reports estimates of 10,000 South African Jews in London. No one can give figures for Canada but there are several hundred families in the Toronto area alone. Some go to the U.S., where one South African doctor said that two-thirds of the

doctors who qualified with him had emigrated.

A scientific study of emigration from South Africa by Dr. Sergio Della Pergola has just been issued by the Demographic Division of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry. It is part of a series of South African Jewish Population Studies sponsored by the South African Board of Deputies.

By 1948, 265 South African had immigrated to Israel and 8,800 have immigrated since then. Figures for the period after 1972 have not been published, but up to that time 2,300 Israelis (including returning settlers of South African origin) moved to South Africa.

In a survey of South African Jews made in 1974, 22 per cent said they were considering emigration but only 1 per cent were taking definite steps. Among those contemplating emigration, 80 per cent were thinking of Israel, leading the report to conclude that the relationship between South Africa's Jews and their country of residence is deep



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Banning the boycott

THE U.S. Government has exceeded everyone's expectations by passing a law which fairly and squarely bans the Arab boycott. The French Government has now done the same; and an all-party committee was formed a month ago in Britain's House of Commons to draft a similar piece of legislation.

The Western world has firmly decided that the exercise of blackmail to enforce its compliance with an act of discrimination made by one foreign country (or group of countries) against another is just not on.

In the U.S. Act, there are two modifications sponsored by the Business Round Table (which represents the American business community) on the original proposal tabled by the Jewish organisations. One is that an American company registered within an Arab country may abide by the laws, including the boycott laws, of that country.

The second modification is that such a company, registered for example in Saudi Arabia and wanting to import, say, a tractor, may specify what kind of tyres the tractor should have — provided there is no cause to think that this specification was introduced for boycott purposes. The company may not, for example, forbid the fitting of a particular brand of tyres to the tractor.

The French law (an amendment to a general anti-discrimination measure) lays down that any person or organisation refusing to carry out a business transaction for reasons of national or other discrimination is liable to prosecution.

These two pieces of legislation can be seen as bastions in the defence of free trade. They demonstrate more convincingly than any screed or oration that principle can still come first among democratic countries, in defiance of vested interests, however powerful.

Such laws provide a welcome shelter for businessmen, who can now ignore the pressures and constraints of the Arab boycott, without showing ill-will to their Arab customers.

The opportunity should be taken by other states, like West Germany and Canada, to form a solid front with the pioneer countries, through the enactment of parallel legal provisions. It would be only just to do so, given that their nationals will otherwise enjoy unprecedented possibilities of unfair competition.

Still awaited is the interpretation of the two new laws in the form of regulations. In the U.S., the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress are likely to follow up the sterling work they have put in hitherto by pressing for a sound and straightforward application, in day-to-day terms, of the intentions so nobly framed by the country's lawmakers.

The end-result will be good not only for those companies, Jewish and other, which do not wish the complex and unpleasant manoeuvres that the committee in Damascus has been trying to impose on them. It is good for all enterprises engaged in international trade, even enterprises belonging to the Arab countries themselves.

THE FIRST principle of a civilized society is that power is legitimate only when it is under contract. The election to the Ninth Knesset creates an authentic contractual relationship between the new government and the Israeli electorate. The first task is for all of us to recognize its legitimacy for as long as the contract lasts. World Jewry has no viable course except to follow suit.

But while the change of office is immaculate in constitutional terms, it is so drastic in every other sense that there is bound to be an initial shock reaction. This is not confined to Israel alone. Diaspora Jews had grown accustomed to certain faces and voices that expressed the common Jewish destiny. The intimacy became weaker in 1974, when the new incumbents in the major cabinet posts did not give their Jewish vocation the central place that it occupied in the time and thought of their predecessors.

This judgment can be authenticated in purely arithmetical terms; still more in the deeper sense of resonance and repercussion. No serious effort was made to convene World Jewry in its full variety either as a demonstration of power, or for sustained institutional consultation. Since Israel cannot levy compulsory taxes on the Jewish Diaspora or exercise any coercive influence, its only power lies in the ability to galvanize Jewish energies by a coherent expression of common hopes. Without a special power of communication, the electricity simply does not flow.

But the relative alienation of the past three years was confined to methods and personalities alone. It did not touch the vital themes. We knew what we could rightly claim —

World Jewry's predicament

Jews abroad have no right to control Israel's operative decisions, says ABBA EBAN MK. But that does not mean they have no right to air their views as to what the 'Jewishness' of the State demands or implies.

and what we could realistically achieve. In general, Zionism has never abandoned the partition logic which it first adopted in 1938, and which it confirmed in the fullest contractual sense from 1948 onward. We have affirmed our own historic rights without denying the realities created by 13 centuries of solid Arab entrenchment.

The conclusion was plain: everything in Eretz Yisrael — territory, sovereignty, economic resources — had to be shared, not monopolized. There could be argument about the scope and nature of the sharing; not about the principle itself. Our declaration of independence says: "We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State, to be called — Israel." It was the last word that set Jewish heads in motion, but the essence of the declaration lies in the words "Jewish State."

AS THE YEARS go by it will be increasingly difficult for Israel to come to terms with their Jewish vocation. When we say that a society is "Jewish" we make a statement not only about its demographic balance, but also about its moral quality and its relationship to the

Jewish legacy. The first question relates to its human texture. Can a state be Jewish if it is not saturated with Jewish memories, if its decisions are not dependent on its Jewish consensus, if the determinant balance is potentially in the hands of a large Arab voting bloc? Is a state Jewish if its inherent democracy is permanently impaired by different categories of citizenship?

Mr. Begin thinks that we should be rigorous about calling the territories Judea and Samaria. I am quite at ease with this; but does the excellent nomenclature make the inhabitants of Hebron "Judeans," or the inhabitants of Nablus "Samarians"? They look and sound pretty Arab to me. The central question for Israel is whether we acknowledge or ignore the intense Arabism that characterizes a large part of the land between the river and the sea.

All this was established doctrine for Jews across the world until a few weeks ago. The question is whether they now wish to make themselves inconsistent by suddenly ceasing to defend the principle of territorial compromise that they were so assiduously praising so recently. Diaspora Jews have not held an election in which they decided to change their consensus.

It is even questionable whether there is a Knesset majority in Israel for abandoning the readiness to share sovereignty and territory west of the Jordan in a peace agreement. The four members of Agudat Israel have never been fanatical on this point. And it was Mr. Dayan who helped draft the Cabinet's decision in July 1970, in favour of "Negotiations with Egypt or Jordan (italics mine—A.E.) ... on the basis of withdrawal from territories occupied in the hostilities of 1967 to secure and recognized boundaries to be agreed upon in negotiation."

The Likud platform totally rules out any sharing of sovereignty between the Jordan and the Mediterranean; but it is by no means clear that the Jewish consensus must automatically make this tangential switch. Jews outside Israel have no right to control operative decisions; but do we have the right to control their view of what the "Jewishness" of our State demands or implies? Does Israeli sovereignty carry over from the domain of political decision into the realm of ideological freedom? In the world of ideas, would it not be our common interest to see the Jews of the Diaspora as partners rather than satellites?

THE PREDICAMENT is even more acute in the matter of religion. History can be regretted, but it cannot usefully be argued with. Whether Jewish Orthodoxy likes it or not, the dominant theme in Jewish religious history today is pluralism, not uniformity. The tradition of schism and diversity goes deeper in our history than our rabbinical establishment would like to admit. Judaism has never tolerated the pontifical idea, and a "Council of Sages" is too close to the notion of a College of Cardinals for me to absorb it without discomfort; especially when its enactments go beyond Halachic interpretation and deal with such secularities as whether or not to accept portfolios or deputy ministries. All honour and affection to the venerability and learning of the sages, but their participation in coalition-making should send a tremor into many Jewish hearts.

The trend towards pluralism in Jewish religious expression does not belong to the Diaspora alone. The rise of Conservative and Reform Judaism abroad is accompanied by a ferment amongst Israeli youth seeking to retain in truths of prophetic Judaism without an essentially East

European interpretation of its forms and symbols. If the coalition agreement means that certification of conversion by Conservative rabbis is not to be recognized, even when it accords with Halacha, then this is a political decision, born out of a power struggle, and it has no spiritual authority at all. In fact, when I saw the televised reports of the negotiations between the Likud and the religious parties, I confess that the word "spiritual" was not the adjective that came spontaneously to my mind. In any case, the coalition contract on religious issues was made without the participation of Diaspora Jewry, which is therefore not committed to its endorsement. Religious pluralism is a part of the Jewish reality, and it has come to stay. Nothing could be more disastrous to Israel's spiritual future than to polarize the options between the established Orthodoxy and total secularism.

THE QUESTION of Israel's Jewish character and composition and the problem of religious pluralism within the context of Jewish faith are legitimate matters for world Jewish preoccupation. It is unfortunate that the first intervention of a Jewish

POSTSCRIPTS

ONE of our readers was moved to verse by TIME Magazine's recent references to our new Prime Minister.

"They do not love thee, Mr. Begin, 'Cause TIME tells them you rhyme with Fagin."

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What ill-bred clod would be so rude As snub that nice Abu Daoud?

Why, terrorists are come I fault — But only if they're PLO."

M.C.

THE BORSCHT and chicken Kiev were excellent, the (domestic) vodka was palatable by the second swig — but where were the Russians?

These were the main impressions of the Jerusalem Plaza's third ethnic dinner, last Saturday night. According to manager Simon Cooper, who has been at the job since last autumn, the Moroccans flocked to their dinner, and the Hungarians to theirs, but "authentic" Russians seemed to be staying away.

There was a genuine enough Grisha and guitar, somewhat over-amplified. Red-sashed Arab waiters circulated among the crowded tables to Russian gypsy rhythms which lapsed into ballroom favourites and Hassidic tunes.

The dance floor was filled with tourists — many of them elderly couples who might have come from Russia after a 30- or 40-year stopover in the U.S. No one checked their credentials, but several seemed to prove themselves in the Russian dance contest.

Then again, so did long-legged Simon Cooper, who is from England via Canada, but did a fair *kazetka*. It may have been an ethnic celebration, but the most authentic roots of all were the beats in the soup bowl.

MCP

THINGS aren't what they used to be in Argentina.

leader from abroad was focused instead on the question whether Mr. Dayan's inclusion in the Likud Cabinet is a matter for satisfaction, and whether the Democratic Movement for Change should join the coalition or not.

With full respect, these are essentially Israeli matters, and they are held in sharp controversy in our midst. The first of these events has no precedent in the history of the Cabinet system from the aesthetic or hygienic standpoint. Even those of us who are at ease with the end achieved are entitled to be worried by the means employed. It is not unusual for a citizen to sit in one restaurant and to feel a sudden impulse to move to another, but he usually has the grace to refrain, from taking the chair and table with him as he goes.

Whether the DMC should enter an association with policies and conditions against which it has vigorously fought is, similarly, a question for domestic decision. The issues on which Diaspora Jews should join their thinking to ours are those that belong to our Jewish universality.

Beyond this, Jews everywhere are entitled to their disappointment with the level and quality of our political struggle. It is hard to conceive a more squalid or vindictive anthology than the collection of newspaper advertisements that degraded the Hebrew press during what should have been a mature democratic dialogue. Surely the "Jewishness" of a society has something to do with the level and quality of its public discourse. Rarely did the dialogue rise above grossness and triviality. Every Israeli election will be an hour of torment to the Jewish world, whereas it should be a source of pride.

Before the military took over the running of the country last year, almost every section of the working population had its own special holiday. This September 7 was Metalworkers' Day. June 1 was Aeronautical Journalists' Day and December 5 was Truck Drivers' Day.

That kind of *dolce vita* is now over, gone together with some other public and religious holidays. Even the Carnival Week was a victim this year. The military have decided that too much play is bad for production.

However some special days are still being marked. Thus, according to a Reuters story, smokers puffed their way through National Tobacco Day on May 30 even though five days earlier the Medical Propaganda Agents had celebrated another year of trying to stop them.

The Argentinian calendar is so crowded that some people have to share a day. May 17, for example, was both Navy Day and Telecomunications Day.

And some Israelis think we have too many days off here! ONE OF THE JOYS of living in Jerusalem is that one so often catches a glimpse of odd and unusual characters.

Waiting to cross Jaffa Road near the Russian Compound the other day, we noticed some 50 metres away what looked from that distance to be an Arab peasant woman in a long black dress carefully wheeling a man's bicycle. Was it a birthday present for a son, we wondered? Just shows how standards of living have risen if the wife of a *fellah* can afford such a gift.

But as we watched, we saw the woman put one foot on the pedal, swinging her other leg lightly over the cross-bar and begin to cycle energetically up the road. As she passed us, we noticed that her dress was not embroidered, that her head-covering looked more like that of a nun and that her very white bare feet did not look as though they had walked to and from the Village well over the years. Moreover, she was wearing a wide rather monastic-looking leather belt.

Was she a nun belonging to some unusual order? Was she a member of that German group that comes here to atone for the Holocaust? Perhaps we even dreamed her up? We shall never know.

But to be able to start the day with a smile is a blessing in these times. F.D.

READERS' LETTERS

ELECTORAL CHANGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Walter Bytman's article "The Roots of our electoral system" (June 4) needs clarification for historical accuracy. The U.N. General Assembly did indeed saddle us with proportional representation. But that system was in operation in all elections to Zionist Congresses and efforts to enforce it were made since the early twenties when the reorganization of the Yishuv began.

At that time, the proportional representation system became the bone of contention between the Sephardim and the Labour parties in elections to the National Assemblies (*Asefat Hanichumim*). The Sephardim feared that this system would not give them adequate representation. It was therefore agreed that the Sephardim be represented in accordance with their potential voting power. This arrangement prevailed during three *Asefat Hanichumim*.

For the fourth, the Labour and Mizrahi parties insisted on the abolition of the system and the enforcement of the proportional system. The Sephardim however insisted that, instead, the system of personal majority elections be adopted — linking the representatives directly to the represented. Ben Gurion, David Remez, and Abraham Katznelson, who led the Vaad Leumi and the Zionist Organization, were adamant. The General Zionists, the Farmers, the Revisionists and the Macabbees joined the Sephardim in their demand. Together they boycotted the elections to the fourth and last *Asefat Hanichumim* which took place in 1944. Only a minority of the electorate participated.

Whilst the other dissenters agreed, after the elections, that their representatives be co-opted to the

National Council (Vaad Leumi), the Sephardim were punished for their negative achievement. But they refused to take the matter to court or to the British High Commissioner. They were thus not represented at all in the fourth and last National Assembly and only one Sephardi was included by B.G. in the Provisional Government.

B.G. changed his mind on the subject only on the eve of the elections to the fifth Knesset in 1961, when he and Mapai supported personal representation and division of the country into 120 constituencies.

On this occasion, the Sephardim sided with B.G. in a special signed agreement to change the electoral system.

That the prevailing system deprives the non-Ashkenazi electorate of its own representation is obvious from the results of the elections to the ninth Knesset. Whilst in the eighth Knesset there were 24 non-Ashkenazi members, in the ninth Knesset only 31 members, nominated by six of the parties, will represent more than half the Jewish population of Israel: 6 Likud, 8 Alignment, 3 N.R.F., 2 D.M.C., 1 Rakah and 1 Shomdon. Some people may argue that this promotes a united nation. I hope so. But I am afraid that it is the root for future communal disintegration and unrest. The change of the system, as demanded by the Sephardi leaders during the past 50 years, may prevent this deterioration; even if all 120 Knesset members, elected in individual constituencies, are Ashkenazi, their first duty will be to their electors on whose goodwill they depend for re-election.

ELIE ELLIACHAR
Jerusalem.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to your report of June 12, a girl lost her leg in a speedboat accident while swimming in Tiberias.

Whenever I go to the Herzliya beach with my family, I am appalled to see with what impunity the operators of boats of all sizes speed along among innocent swimmers without the life guard even putting a warning whistle to his lips. As a

matter of fact, I am surprised that this is the only tragedy of this nature so far.

Why the Ministry of the Interior which, I believe, is supposed to govern these beaches, does not enforce a law prohibiting owners of speedboats from coming within the reach of the bathing beaches is absolutely beyond me.

HAROLD E. ROTHCHILD
Ra'anana.

NOISE POLLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On June 8, you reported that "the residents of Israel's noisiest city (Tel Aviv) were subjected this week to a new form of pollution: commercial jingles blaring forth from delivery vans."

In Herzliya we had to endure last Saturday a similar invasion of the peace and quiet most people try to

find on the beach. The publicity sharks had found a new torture to impose on us: a large fishing boat, equipped with loud speakers, blared forth a cacophony of music and publicity for a film. The public had to endure that clamour powerlessly. They could only vow never to see that film. Until now, rest and quiet on the Herzliya beach has meant roaring airplanes writing publicity slogans in the sky and motorcycles and cars using the beach as a race track and zooming regardless of the danger to children or the noise and fumes from the engines. Now we can add to the noise created by transistor addicts that of boats blaring publicity at us from the sea.

TERESA LEVIN
SIONA LEBEN
SHIRLEY HIRSCH
Herzliya.

ALIYA MONTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The coming Aliya Month is a cruel and tasteless joke. How can the authorities spend the sums required to promote aliya when there are thousands of unemployed academics here? Do they think that potential immigrants are stupid?

True — we never came here for a rose garden. But to be denied the chance to use our minds in meaningful work, while the money for creating jobs is used to bring new immigrants (and potential unemployed) is unfair.

B. SEIFEL
Kfar Giladi.

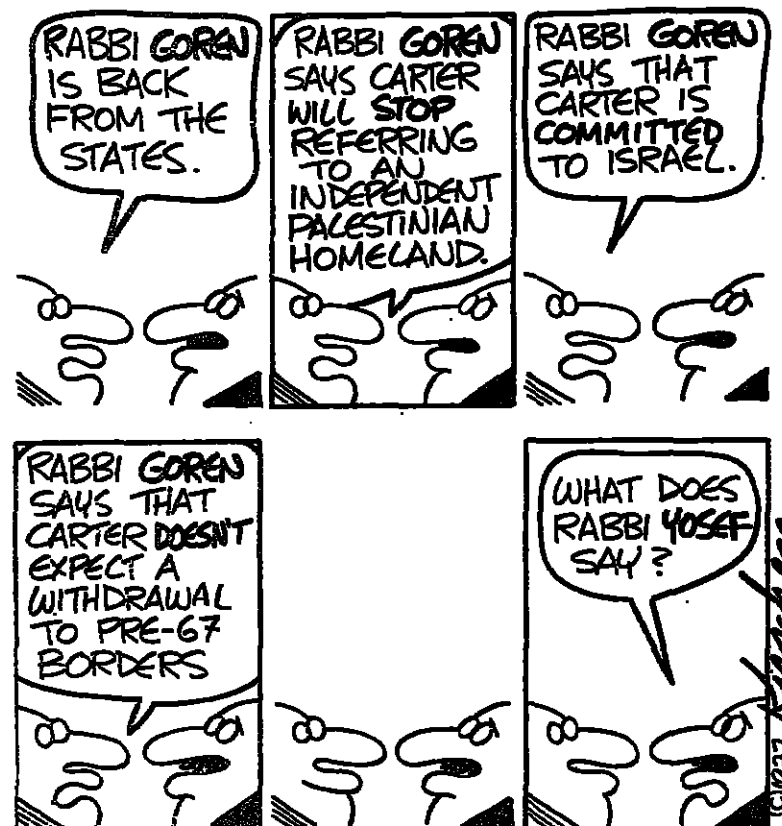
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